



BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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OF THE

**Medical Officer of Health**

**1967**

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**To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire  
County Council.**

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for 1967.

Again during the year no clinics nor health centres were erected, but active liaison with the General Medical Practitioners occurred in formulating proposals for such centres in the near future.

Local General Medical Practitioners have expressed their desire to participate in Health Centres to be erected in the County, at Sennybridge, Llanwrtyd Wells Colbren, and Ystradgynlais.

We are still appreciative of the work undertaken by the voluntary agencies in Breconshire.

The figures relating to cancer death shows a very slight decrease over the last two years, but no significance can be attached to such a slight variation.

The number of births occurring in hospital was 669, but although this figure is less than last year the percentage of births in hospital rose to 90.2%. The total number of births for the County fell by 64 to 741. Similarly the Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 births fell from 17.2 to 13.57. This decrease is a continuation of the decline which occurred in 1966.

In September, 1967 Cervical Cytology Clinics were started and brief information on this service is given in the report. It is hoped that in the report for 1968 to be in a position to give further details of the scheme based over a period exceeding twelve months.

I must once again express my appreciation of the help afforded by my medical colleagues, nurses, dental and clerical staff throughout the year.

As in previous years I have enjoyed the continued support and enthusiasm of the Members of the County Council in the work for the health of Breconshire, for which I am most grateful.

I have the honour to be,

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. EVANS,

County Medical Officer.

County Health Department,  
Watton Offices, Brecon.

Telephone: Brecon 2456/7.

October, 1968.

Constitution of the Committees concerned with matters of Public Health, during the year 1967.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**CHAIRMAN:** Ald. Mrs. C. O. WILLIAMS, Plasgwyn, Abercrave

**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl

**BRECON DISTRICT:**

Coun. Lt. Col. J. P. F. Mills, D.S.O., Pytindu, Llanddew, Brecon.

Coun. H. L. Jones, 49, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon.

**BRYNMAWR DISTRICT:**

Coun. E. Robins, 26 George St., Brynmawr.

Coun. W. J. Morris, Rhyscae, Church Rd., Gilwern.

**BUILTH DISTRICT:**

Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl.

Coun. M. L. Bourdillon, Llwynmadoc, Llanwrtyd Wells.

**CRICKHOWELL DISTRICT:**

Coun. D. S. Davies, Manchester House, High Street, Crickhowell.

Coun. Mrs. B. L. Greet, Trevanion, Bwlch, Brecon.

**DEVYNOCK DISTRICT:**

Coun. Penry Davies, Penrhiw, Trecastle.

Coun. David Lewis, M.B.E., Padest, Sennybridge.

**HAY AND TALGARTH DISTRICT:**

Coun. J. V. Like, Skynlais House, Church Street, Hay-on-Wye.

Coun. D. P. Hopkins, Brynteg, Bronllys, Brecon.

**VAYNOR DISTRICT:**

Coun. M. J. Chambers, 10 The Green, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.

Coun. Mrs. J. M. Watkeys, Tynycoed, High St., Cefn Coed.

**YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT:**

Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais

Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.

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Ald. Mrs. C. O. Williams, Plasgwyn, Abercrave, (chairman).

Ald. T. R. Jones, O.B.E., The Daren, Darenfelen Road, Brynmawr

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.

Coun. Anthony Rees, Warwick House, Warwick Road, Brynmawr

Coun. R. Morgan, Eiranfa, Derwen Rd., Ystradgynlais.

Coun. E. R. Morgan, Cranleigh, Camden Road, Brecon.

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**MEMBERS CO-OPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:**

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

## **County Ambulance Service Transport Sub-Committee.**

Chairman: Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais

### **BRECON DISTRICT.**

Coun. Lt. Col. J. P. F. Miles, D.S.O., Fytindu, Llanddew, Brecon.  
Coun. H. L. Jones, 49, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon.

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Ald. T. R. Jones, O.B.E., The Daren, Darenfelen Road, Brynmawr.  
Coun. Anthony Rees, Warwick House, Warwick Road, Brynmawr.

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Coun. M. L. Bourdillon, Llwynmadoc, Llanwrtyd Wells.

### **CRICKHOWELL DISTRICT.**

Coun. J. E. Davies, Llwyncwtrach, Llangrwyney, Crickhowell.  
Coun. Mrs. B. L. Greet, Trevanion, Bwlch, Brecon.

### **DEFYNNOG DISTRICT.**

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Coun. David Lewis, M.B.E., Padest, Sennybridge.

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Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.

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Coun. M. J. Chambers, 10 The Green, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.

### **YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT.**

Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.  
Coun. J. E. Williams (Chairman), Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

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## **MEMBERS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES.**

### **BRECON AND RADNOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

### **ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.**

Lt. Col. C. F. Q. MacLaine, M.B., Ch.B., R.A.M.C

### **BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.**

Mrs. N. Garnons-Williams, Glan-Clydach. Aber, Talybont-on-Usk.



## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth (Chairman).

### BRECON DISTRICT.

Coun. Lt. Col. J. P. F. Miles, D.S.O., Pytindu, Llanddew, Brecon.  
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Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.  
Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

### LADY MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Ald. Mrs. C. O. Williams.



# STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

## MEDICAL.

County M.O.H. and  
Principal School M.O.  
(Tele. Brecon 2456/7).

R. G. Evans, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy C.M.O.H. and  
School M.O.

J. K. Jones, L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H.

Assistant C.M.O.H. and  
School M.O.

M. W. Evans, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S.,  
L.R.C.P., B.Sc.

Assistant C.M.O.H. and  
S.M.O., and Dist.  
Medical Officer for  
Southern Districts

Creighton E. Edwards, B.Sc.,  
M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.  
(Resigned).

N.B.—Consultant Medical Staff (Part Time) see page 11.

## DENTAL.

Principal Dental Officer: Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe, L.D.S.

Dental Officer: Mr. P. J. George, L.D.S.

Vacancy

Dental Surgery Assistants: Miss B. Roberts.

" " Miss A. Lane.

## NURSING.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Miss E. M. Main.

Brecon.

(Tele.—Brecon 2456/7).

Health Visitors and School Nurses.

Area Covered.

Mrs. S. E. J. Rees,  
Brynmaŵr

Brynmaŵr Urban.

Miss H. R. Hutchison,  
Cefn Coed.

Vaynor (Cefncoedycymmer), Vaynor  
(Gelly and Duffryn), Dolygaer, Cwmtaff,  
Vaynor (Nantddu), Llanfeigan (Pontsarn),  
Llandetty (Pontsticill).

VACANCY.

Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn (Cefncoedy-  
cymmer), Nantddu, Hepste Hamlet,  
Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan, Tor-  
pantau, Cross Bychan, Rhigos (Part),

Mrs. J. Silk,  
9, Victoria Terrace,  
Crickhowell.

Ffawyddog, Crickhowell, Llangattock,  
Cwmdu, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llan-  
grwyney, Grwynefechan, Tretower,  
Partrishow, Forest Coalpit (Part), Llanelly  
(Clydach).

Miss C. Williams,  
Ystradgynlais

Colbren, Penycae, Abercrave (including  
Isyrhos and Caerbont Hill up to Caerbont  
Corner), Right hand side of Brecon Road  
(going Southwards) as far and including  
Derwen Road, Lluest, Bryn Road, Lluest  
Fach, Minyrhos and Dolfaen. Penwyllt.  
Seven Sisters and Glyntawe.

**Area Covered.**

Mrs. E. G. Thomas,  
Ystradgynlais.

From Caerbont Corner and left of Brecon Road (going Southwards) and all area below the Clinic, including Cwmgiedd, Cwmtawe Road, Ynis Isaf, Ynis Uchar, Cwmtwrch, Gurnos, Cynlais, and Yniscedwyn.

Mrs. C. M. Bowen,  
Hay-on-Wye.

Hay Urban and Part of Hay Rural, Llanigon, Tregoyd and Velindre, Pipton, Aberllynfi, Llanfillo, Talgarth, Bronllys and Llanellieu.

VACANCY

Llanwrtyd, Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Llandewi-Abergwesyn, Penbualt, Trefis, Llangammarch, Gwarafog, Llanfihangel-Abergwesyn, Llanlleonfel, Llanafanfawr, Llanafanfychan.

VACANCY

Brecon Urban (excluding Llanfaes, Dering Lines and Dorlangoch).

Miss G. L. Ward.

St. David's Within, St. David's Without, Aberyscir, Cantref, Maescar (Defynnog), Llanspyddid, Penpont, Modrydd, Glyn, Sennybridge, Llanfihangel - Nantbran, Cray, Llandilorfarn, Traiangelas, Traianmawr, Trallong, Senny, Yscllydach.

Miss M. L. Evans,  
28, Penpentre,  
Talybont-on-Usk.  
(Tele.—Talybont-on-Usk  
265).

Talybont, Llanfrynach, Aber, Pencelly, Cross Oak, Llanfeigan, Cantref (Part), Llandetty, Llangynidr, Duffryn Cwannon, Aberyscir, Battle, Castlemadoc, Cradoc, Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelog, Pontfaen, Fennyfach, Lower Chapel, Upper Chapel, Garthbrenny, Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Llanfihangel Cwmdru, Llangasty-Talyllyn, Llangorse, Llan-Talyllyn, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog, Llansantffraed, Pennorth, Groesffordd.

Miss M. Wyatt,  
Builth Wells.

Builth Urban, Llandewir Cwm, Llan-ganten, Llangynog, Llanynis, Cilmery, Rhosferig, Maesmynis, Alltmawr, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr, Llandefalle, Talachddu, Pontybat, Felinfach, Llysven.

**District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitor.**

Mrs. I. M. Williams,  
42, Lansbury Road,  
Brynmaur.  
(Tele.—Brynmaur 367).

General Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting: Darenfelen, Llanelly Hill. General Nursing and Midwifery: Brynmaur (West).

**District Nurse/Midwives.**

Miss P. Lewis,  
56, Woodland Avenue,  
Talgarth.  
(Tel.—Talgarth 459).

Talgarth, Bronllys, Pengefnffordd, Pontybat, Llanfillo, Llandefalle, Colebrook, Trefecca, Trefeinon, Llanellieu.

Mrs. G. Jones (Resigned),  
Glanavon, Castle St.,  
Builth Wells.  
(Tel.—Builth 2665).

Builth Wells, Llandewi'r Cwm, Llan-ganten, Llangynog, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Rhosferig, Alltmawr, Cilmery.

## Area Covered.

### District Nurses/Midwives (Continued).—

Mrs. A. Messer, Applegarth, Erwood, Builth Wells. (Tele.—Erwood 214).	Llyswn, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr, Erwood Llaneglwys.
Miss G. E. Shutt, 4, The Walk, Beulah (Tele. Llangammarch 667).	Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llandewi-Aber- gwessin, Penbualt, Trefis, Llangammarch, Gwarafog, Garth, Llwynmadoc, Llan- afanfawr, Llanlleonfel, Llanfihangel- Abergwessin, Beulah, Llanafanfychan.
Mrs. J. M. Lode, Bronllynfi, Glasbury (Tel. Glasbury 242).	Hay Urban, Llanigon, Glasbury, Velindre, Three Cocks, Pipton, Tregoyd, Pontithel, Hay Rural (Part), Aberllynfi.
Miss E. T. Thomas, 18, Plasderwen, Llangattock, Crickhowell (Tel. Crickhowell 383).	Llangattock, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Cwmdr (Part), Tretower, Grwynefechan, Par- trishow, Llangrwyney, Forest Coalpit (Part), Crickhowell.
Mrs. M. Sier, 2, Crabtree Walk, Trefechan, Cefn Coed, Nr. Merthyr Tydfil. (Tel.—Merthyr Tydfil 3852)	Cefn Coed, Gelly, Pontsticill, Dolygaer, Pontsarn.
Mrs. A. M. Harper, (Resigned), 2, Ffynon Dewi, Llanfaes, Brecon. (Tele. Brecon 3405).	Brecon Urban (St. John), Battle, Llan- defaelog, Merthyr Cynog, Pontfaen, Llanfihangel - Fechan, Lower Chapel, Upper Chapel, Llanddew, Fennyfach,
Mrs. M. D. Jones, 5, John Street, Hirwaun. (Tele.—Hirwaun 2791).	Hirwaun (Breconshire Part), Penderyn, Ystradfelte, Pontneathvaughan.
Miss A. E. Williams. (Resigned), Tyclyd, Sennybridge (Tele.—Sennybridge 347).	Sennybridge, Defynnog, Pentrefelin, Cray, Llanfihangel - Nant - Bran, Llandilofane, Traianglas, Traianmawr, Ciliene, Trecastle, Yscltydach, Aberpedwar, Trallong, Aber- bran, Senny.
Mrs. M. E. Jackson, 22, Maes-y-felin, Llangorse, Brecon. (Tele.—Llangorse 281).	Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Cwmdr, Llan- gorse, Llanfihangel - Talyllyn, Llangasty- Talyllyn, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog Llanhamlach, Llansantfraed, Pennorth, Llangynidr.
Mrs. I. M. Jenkins, 12, Bank Crescent, Gilwern. (Tele. Gilwern 242).	Llanelly (Clydach), Llanelly (Darenfelen).
Mrs. E. M. Hughes, Frondeg, Llanfaes, Brecon. Tele. Brecon 2048).	Brecon (St. David's Within), Brecon (St. David's Without), Aberyscir, Cantref, Maescar, Llanspyddid, Penpont, Modrydd, Glyn.
Mrs. R. E. Panas, 5, Y Scethrog, Nr. Brecon. (Tel. Talybont 207)	Brecon (St. Mary), Llanfrynach, Llanfigan and Llandetty.

## District Midwives.

Mrs. J. Price,  
Glanrhyd Farm,  
Glanrhyd,  
Ystradgynlais.  
(Tele.—Glantawe 3167).

Mrs. Dulcie Lewis,  
18, Brynawelon,  
Colbren.  
(Tele.—Seven Sisters 292).

Mrs. E. Powell,  
22, Cwmtawe Rd.,  
Penrhos.  
(Tele.—Glantawe 3398).

Mrs. I. E. Chilton,  
Colindale Bungalow,  
Brynmawr.  
(Tele.—Brynmawr 330)

## District Nurses.

Nurse S. E. H. Paige,  
30, Heolmeurig,  
Lower Cwmtwrch.  
(Tele.—Glantawe 3294)

Mrs. G. M. Llewellyn,  
8, Heol Maesydre,  
Ystradgynlais.  
(Tele.—Glantawe 3370).

Mrs. J. M. Lewis,  
40, Llanfaes,  
Ystradgynlais,  
(Tele. Glantawe 3176).

Mrs. V. H. James,  
Maesyralt,  
Abercrave.  
(Tele. Abercrave 678).

Nurse C. Hughes,  
63, Garn Road,  
Nantyglo, Mon.  
(Tele.—Brynmawr 296).

## Relief Nurses/Midwives.

Miss M. M. Jones,  
22, High Street,  
Builth Wells.  
(Tele.—Builth Wells 3121).

VACANCY.

VACANCY

## ORTHOPAEDIC.

Orthopaedic Nurse.

## SPEECH THERAPIST.

## DOMESTIC HELP.

Supervisor

## Area Covered.

Ystradgynlais, Penrhos, Glanrhyd, Glantawe, Cwingiedd (Clock Factory Boundary).

Abercrave, Colbren, Yniswen, Penycae, Penwyllt, Seven Sisters, Caerllan, Isyrhos, Minyrhos and Glyntawe.

Lower Cwmtwrch, Upper Cwmtwrch and Gurnos.

Brynmawr (East).

Ystradgynlais, Penrhos, Glyntawe and Cwmgiedd.

Lower Cwmtwrch, Upper Cwmtwrch, Gurnos and Glanrhyd.

Abercrave, Colbren, Yniswen, Penycae, Penwyllt, Seven Sisters, Caerllan, Isyrhos, Minyrhos and Glyntawe.

Brynmawr Urban.

Relief Nurse.

Relief Nurse, Brecon

Relief Nurse, Cefn, Vaynor and Hirwaun.

Mrs. J. Jones.

Miss M. Morley, L.C.S.T. (Part-Time).

Mrs. F. J. McLean.

## CHIROPODY.

### Chiropodists

Mr. C. G. Morrish, M.Ch.S.  
(Registered Medical Auxiliary).  
Mrs. M. A. Llewellyn (Part Time),  
36, Gough Road, Ystalyfera, Glam.,  
M.Ch.S. (Registered Medical Auxiliary).  
Mrs. D. Jones, Haulfryn, Llangynidr  
(Registered Medical Auxiliary).

## MENTAL WELFARE.

### Psychiatric Social Worker. Mental Welfare Officers

Miss Gwen Morgan (Part Time)  
(Border Hospital Management Committee).  
Mr. H. G. Edwards,  
13, The Watton, Brecon  
(Tele. Brecon 2040).  
Mr. T. V. Rees,  
Welfare Office, Lower Bailey St., Brynmawr  
(Tele. Brynmawr 254).  
Mr. D. J. Davies,  
Old Police Station, Talgarth.  
(Tele. Talgarth 442).  
Mrs. M. M. R. England,  
3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed, Nr.  
Merthyr Tydfil (Tele. Merthyr Tydfil 386).  
Mr. Wm. T. Davies,  
Peglers Buildings, Ystradgynlais  
(Tele. Glantawe 3104)  
Mr. R. I. Jones,  
Y Nyth, Llanfihangel-Talyllyn, Nr. Brecon.  
(Tele. Llangorse 287).  
Miss G. Watkins.

### Supervisor, Adult and Junior Occupational Training Centre

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL

Chief Clerk and M.W.O Mr. R. I. Jones  
Senior Clerk Mr. R. E. Page  
Domestic Help and Mr. I. Lewis  
Ambulance.  
School Medical Service. Mr. T. Jones  
Nursing Services. Mrs. Margaret Powell.  
Welfare Foods Clerk. Mr. D. W. Foster.

## CONSULTANT STAFF OF THE WELSH HOSPITAL BOARD WHO PROVIDE SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Chest Physicians.

D. Ivor Williams, M.B., Ch.B.  
L. Erin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
R. G. Prosser Evans, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
S. Keidan, M.B., Ch.B.

### Ophthalmic.

M. I. Jackson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
G. W. Hoare, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,  
F.R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.

### Orthopaedic. Psychiatry.

E. R. Treasure, M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S  
G. Diggle, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.  
(Edin.) D.P.M.

### Geriatric

T. S. Davies, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
J. McDonald, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.  
F. L. Willington B.Ch., M.D.  
T. F. McCarthy, M.B., B.Ch.



## MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban; and  
Rural:  
Builth Urban; and  
Rural:  
Hay Urban; and  
Rural:  
Llanwrtyd Wells  
Urban:  
Brynmawr Urban:  
Crickhowell Rural:  
Vaynor and Penderyn  
Rural:  
Ystradgynlais Rural:

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## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Square miles)	...	783
Area (Acres)	...	469,285
Population (1931 Census)	...	57,775
„ (1939 Census)	...	54,357
„ (1951 Census)	...	56,508
„ (1961 Census)	...	55,544
„ estimated to Middle of 1967	...	54,230
Rateable Value (1st April, 1967)	...	£1,361,242
Sum represented by 1d. rate, 1966/67	...	£5,045

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births	...	736
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	...	13.57
Illegitimate Live Births (percentage of total Live Births)	...	4.89%
Stillbirths	...	16
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	21.27
Total Live and Stillbirths	...	752
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	...	9
Infant Mortality Rates.—		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	12.22
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	11.42
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	27.77
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks)	...	9.51
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	9.51
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	31.25
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	...	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	Nil

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

**Section 21.—Health Centres:** The question of Health Centres has been frequently discussed during the year at meetings held between officers of the County Council, the Clerk of the Breconshire National Health Service Executive Council, and various interested General Medical Practitioners. As a result of such discussions Health Centres are proposed for Colbren, Ystradgynlais, Llanwrttyd Wells and Sennybridge.

**Section 22. — Care of Mothers and Young Children:** This Section covers the following activities: — (a) Ante-natal clinics, (b) Post-natal clinics, (c) Child welfare clinics, (d) Day nurseries



and residential nurseries, (e) Mother and baby homes, (f) Dental treatment given to expectant or nursing mothers, and children under 5 years of age, (g) care of premature infants, (h) Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and Maternal Deaths, etc., and replaces the old heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Information and figures relating to the various sections are given below:—

**Care of Premature Infants**, i.e., babies weighing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or less at birth irrespective of period of gestation:—

Special equipment for the domiciliary nursing of premature infants is held at the offices of the local health authority, and special heated incubators are provided for transporting premature babies to hospitals (see Ambulance Service).

If found necessary to admit such infants to hospitals, the local hospital authority would be approached by the nurse or mid-wife and the greatest possible assistance is always given in arranging accommodation.

During 1967 the number of notifications of premature births in the County after correction, was as follows—

(a) Total Number of Premature Live Births in the Area	39
(b) Number of Premature Live Births at Home ...	1
(c) Number of Premature Live Births in Private Nursing Homes ...	—
(d) Number of Premature Live Births in Hospital ...	38

**(2) Premature Still Births.**

(a) Total number of Premature Still Births in the Area	8
(b) Number of Premature Still Births at Home ...	1
* (c) Number of Premature Still Births in Private Nursing Homes ...	—
(d) Number of Still Births in Hospitals ...	7

\*Including Maternity Homes not in the National Health Services and Mother and Baby Homes where the women are confined in the Homes

During the year all cases of premature births have again been followed up, including those delivered in hospitals, which has necessitated the interchange of records between Local Health Authorities. The co-operation of the hospitals has been freely given and the information required is readily provided by them.

Table VIII appended to this report shows the weight of the infants at birth and the number of infants who survived 28 days.  
**Complicated Maternity Cases.**

The investigation of cases for hospital confinements is undertaken by the department. Such cases are brought to the notice of the authority in four ways:— (1) the general practitioner, (2) the Clinic Medical Officer, (3) the midwife, or (4) the patient herself.

In each individual case, a report is then obtained on the housing conditions (or other social defects) and consideration is given to the question of whether hospital accommodation is required. Where the request for a hospital confinement is based solely on lack of assistance, this is in some cases overcome by the provision of domestic help. Having decided that the case requires accommodation in hospital, a request is then made to the most convenient hospital to book accommodation.

Two hospitals in Breconshire admit maternity cases:—

Brecon War Memorial Hospital	... 6 beds
Builth Cottage Hospital	... 3 beds

In addition, accommodation is provided for Breconshire cases at the following hospitals outside the county borders:—

Hereford County Hospital  
 Blaina and District Hospital  
 St. James Hospital, Tredegar  
 St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil  
 Neath General Hospital  
 Abergavenny Cottage Hospital (occasionally)  
 Llandrindod County Hospital (occasionally)  
 Aberdare General Hospital  
 Amman Valley Hospital  
 Morriston Hospital  
 Griffithstown Hospital  
 Rookery, Ebbw Vale.

The number of births in the County again decreased during the year. The percentages of hospital confinements for the total births has risen by 1.7%, giving a percentage of births taken in hospitals of 90.2% for the year 1967.

The figures for the past years are as follows:—

		Total Births in County	No. of Births in Hospital	Percentage of Births in Hospital
1958	...	832	585	70.3%
1959	...	857	617	71.9%
1960	...	831	631	75.9%
1961	...	831	620	74.6%
1962	...	849	648	76.3%
1963	...	912	737	80.8%
1964	...	868	722	83.1%
1965	...	859	744	86.6%
1966	...	805	713	88.5%
1967	...	741	669	90.2%

The following cases were admitted to hospital after social vetting for bad housing, bad home conditions, or for medical reasons.

Neath General 5; Amman Valley 15; Morriston Hospital 7; Aberdare General Hospital 1.

Apart from the social vetting of home conditions for hospital confinements, the Department also assists by vetting the homes, at the request of Hospital Authorities where it is intended that the mother and baby should be discharged early from hospital, i.e. 48 hours after birth.

### Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Centres are held throughout the County at the following places and at the times shown:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.	Day and Time of Meeting.
1 Abercrave—Miners' Welfare Hall..	2nd and 4th Wednesdays in Month at 2 p.m.
2 Brecon—Clinic, Watton Offices ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
3 Brynmawr—School Clinic ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Doctors' Session). 3rd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Nurses' Session).
4 Bullth Wells—Clinic, Park Road..	1st Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
5 Cefn Coed—School Clinic ..	2nd and 4th Mondays in month at 2 p.m.
6 Colbren—Church Hall ..	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
7 Crickhowell—Market Hall Clinic..	4th Thursday in month a.m. and p.m.
8 Cwmtwrch—Miners' Welfare Hall	2nd and 4th Thursdays in month at 2 p.m.
9 Devynnog—Market Hall, Senny-bridge ..	3rd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
10 Gilwern—Church Hall ..	2nd and 4th Wednesdays in month at 2 p.m.
11 Hay—Clinic, Oxford Road ..	2nd Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
12 Hirwaun—Bethel Church Vestry..	Wednesday fortnightly.
13 Llanwrtyd Wells—War Memorial Institute ..	1st Friday in month at 2 p.m.
14 Ystradgynlais School Clinic ..	1st and 3rd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.
15 Tirabad Clinic ..	4th Friday in month at 2 p.m.
16 Llangammarch Wells — Church Institute ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
17 Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp, Crickhowell ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.

When necessary, cases are referred to their own doctors or to Hospital for treatment or consultation.

The clinic held fortnightly at the Bethel Church Vestry, Hirwaun, is organised by the Glamorgan County Council, and mothers from the Vaynor and Penderyn district of Breconshire are catered for by arrangement with Glamorgan. Breconshire pays a proportionate cost of this clinic based on the population of the area covered and a Breconshire Health Visitor attends regularly.

### Ante-Natal Clinics.

Facilities for ante-natal examinations are provided by the local health authority. These clinics are held at the times and places stated:—

Abercrave: 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Brynmawr: 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Ystradgynlais: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

These clinics are held in:— One Welfare Hall, and two permanent clinic premises which are owned by the Education Authority and/or the Local Health Authority.

The ante-natal clinic formerly held at Bethel Church Vestry, Hirwaun by the Glamorgan County Council has been discontinued and ante-natal services are provided at the Surgery of the Local General Medical Practitioner

As a result of discussions between the Local Health Authority and the Local Medical Committee, reports are sent to the General Practitioners in respect of their patients in attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinics.

#### **Post-Natal Clinics.**

There are no specially held post-natal clinics—all patients attend the ante-natal sessions.

#### **Specialist Clinics.**

There are no specialist clinics held under the auspices of the local health authority.

#### **Assistance given at Clinics in General Practitioners' own Premises.**

Assistance at one General Medical Practitioner's Surgery is now given by a midwife in the Sennybridge area. This arrangement was reached after the closure of the Council's Ante-Natal Clinic in Sennybridge (Defynnog) some years ago.

In Talgarth area there exists a close liaison between the Group Medical Practice and the local District Nurse/Midwife who attends the Surgery to hold mothercraft training classes.

During the year the County Council agreed to the introduction of a pilot scheme in Brecon town for the attachment of Health Visitors and Nurses to the Group Practice of six General Medical Practitioners.

Nurse Midwives attend the Surgery each morning in rotation and the two Health Visitors in this area attend alternatively also in the mornings.

This scheme is due to be reviewed after a trial period of twelve months.

In Hirwaun the District Nurse/Midwife attends the doctors surgery fortnightly when he holds his Ante Natal Clinic on Monday afternoons

#### **Blood Testing.**

Arrangements are made for collecting blood specimens at the clinics and these are sent to the National Blood Transfusion Laboratory at Cardiff, and elsewhere.

The findings are in all cases reported to the patients' General Medical Practitioners.

A special session is held at the Ystradgynlais Clinic on the 4th Tuesday of each month, for collecting blood specimens.



## **Liaison Committees.**

During the year Liaison Committees were held at various hospitals situated within the County and at hospitals having a catchment area for Breconshire. Such committees are attended by the General Medical Practitioners, Local Health Authority Staff and the Staff of Hospitals.

These committees are covered by the:

Glantawe H.M.C.  
Brecon and Radnor H.M.C  
North Monmouthshire H.M.C.

## **Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District—**

Arrangements are made with the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Moral Welfare Association to carry out this work. The Health Authority being responsible for the maintenance of the mother for approximately one month before the confinement and period of 14 days after birth. Maintenance after this date becomes the responsibility of the Welfare Committee. A grant of 100 p.a. is also given to the Association.

During the year arrangements were made for the accommodation of two mothers at Cwmdonkin Shelter, Swansea.

## **Family Planning Clinics.**

The Family Planning Association continues to hold Family Planning Clinics in Breconshire.

The Council has invoked the aid of the Family Planning Association in operating the Family Planning Clinics as sole agents throughout the County.

The cost of the clinics is met by the County Council. Advice is given free to all seeking it, but appliances are only provided free of cost in medically recommended cases.

The decision as to whether supplies are needed on medical grounds is at the sole discretion of the Medical Officer in charge of the Clinics.

The clinics are now held at:—

Brecon: The Clinic, Watton Offices, Brecon

1st and 3rd Fridays in each month from 5.45 to 7 p.m.

Ystradgynlais: The Clinic, Derwen Rd., Ystradgynlais.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month 6 p.m.

Brynmawr: The Clinic, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr.

1st and 2nd Tuesdays each month 6 p.m.

Cefn Coed: The Clinic, Brewery Lane, Cefn Coed.

2nd and 4th Thursdays each month 7 p.m.

## **Relaxation Exercises and Mothercraft Training Clinics.**

Relaxation classes and Mothercraft Clinics are held at fixed centres in the County. These meet weekly as follows:—

Brecon Clinic	... Thursday.
Ystradgynlais Clinic	... Tuesday.
Brynmawr Clinic	... Thursday.
Builth Wells Clinic	... Thursday.
Tirabad Clinic	... Thursday.
Hay-on-Wye Clinic	... Friday.
Crickhowell Clinic	... Tuesday.
Talgarth Clinic	... Wednesday.

## **Maternity Outfits.**

Maternity outfits are distributed free of charge to expectant mothers by the midwives who are booked for the cases. The outfit provided is a standard sterilised pack.

Necessary items required for the lying in, which are not included in the maternity outfit, are provided by the midwife attending the case.

## **Day Nurseries, Hospitals for Children, and Mother and Baby Homes.**

The Education Committee has one Nursery School at Brynmawr.

During the year one Nursery Playgroup, which was originally registered in 1966, was inspected and the number of children accommodated was increased to 12. A second Nursery Playgroup was also registered during the year, which was limited to 12 children.

Both Play groups are registered under the Child Minders Regulations Act, 1948 (Registration of Premises).

## **Ophthalmia Neonatorum.**

Number of cases in 1967 in which

(a) vision was unimpaired	... Nil
(b) vision impaired	... Nil
(c) vision lost	... Nil
(d) patient died	... Nil
(e) patient still under treatment at end of year	... Nil
(f) patient removed from district	... Nil
(g) classification under above heads cannot be made	... Nil

## **Maternal Deaths.**

There were no deaths of mothers during the year.

## **Supply of Dried Milk.**

The supply of proprietary brands of dried milk is not undertaken at the clinics

This question is, of course, always under constant review, together with the possibility of providing other medicaments at Clinics.

## Distribution of Welfare Foods.

Formal approval was given by the Welsh Board of Health to the Council's Scheme for the distribution of Welfare Foods on the 8th November, 1954, and the scheme continues to function with 5 main Distribution Centres and 22 voluntary distributors from shops and private dwellings.

The main centres are manned by an officer engaged for this purpose.

The sale of National Dried Milk has further decreased in the year under review by nearly 50%, though there was a slight increase in the sale of Orange Juice. The officer responsible for the distribution now only works half time.

These main centres are as follows, and open on the days and times stated.

<u>District.</u>		<u>Address of Centre.</u>	<u>Day.</u>	<u>Times.</u>
Builth Wells	..	The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells	Monday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Brynmaur	..	The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmaur	Tuesday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Ystradgynlais	..	The Clinic, Derwen Road, Ystradgynlais	Wednesday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Crickhowell	..	The Clinic, Market Hall, Crickhowell	Thursday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Brecon	..	Health Dept., Watton Offices, Brecon	Friday	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Delivery of Welfare Foods is made to Llanwrtyd Wells on Monday afternoons, as necessary, by the Welfare Foods Officer from Builth Wells. Mrs. Peace, of Campsie, Llanwrtyd Wells thereafter distributes the National Dried Milk, etc., to various points in the area such as Tirabad, Beulah and Llangammarch. For undertaking this service she is re-imbursed for mileage travelled and paid a small sum for storage.

Again I offer my thanks to all the voluntary distributors who have distributed milk from their homes, shops, or centres provided by the County Council. Their help has permitted us to continue to run this scheme so smoothly.

The following items were issued during 1967:—

National Dried Milk	...	5,677
Orange Juice	...	8,007
Cod Liver Oil	...	263
Vitamin Tablets 'A' and 'D'	...	286



The following list gives the names and addresses of the volunteers who distributed National Dried Milk, etc., as at 31st December, 1967.

Names and Addresses of persons supplying Welfare Foods.	Times when available
Miss M. Davies, National School House, Trecastle	.. When at home.
Mrs. Westrip, Market Hall, Sennybridge	.. No times specified.
Mr. W. Jones, Beacon Stores, Brynmawr	.. Shop hours.
Mr. G. Watkins, Holland Stores, 221, King Street, Brynmawr	.. Shop hours.
Mrs. A. M. Davies, 75, Ynïswen, Penycae	.. Daily — No time specified.
M. Powell, Post Office, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais	.. Daily — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mr. D. Watkins, Talybont-on-Usk	.. Shop hours.
Mr. E. Williams, Lydenburg Stores, Talybont	.. Shop hours.
Mrs. S. Pope, General Stores, Bwlch..	Daily — Shop hours.
Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp, Crickhowell	.. Daily (no time stated).
Mrs. P. Morris, Main Road, Gilwern..	Daily — Shop hours.
Mr. J. Williams, Chapel House, Clydach	Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. J. Eynon, Llewellyn Row, Llanelly Hill	.. Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. Peace, Campsie, Llanwrtyd Wells	When at home.
Mr. A. Price, Grocer, Heolydwr, Hay-on-Wye	.. Shop hours.
Evans Stores, Talgarth	.. Shop hours.
Mrs. L. J. Davies, Cartrefle, Llan-Talyllyn	.. Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. James, 98, High Street, Cefn Coed	Shop hours.
Mr. D. Downey, General Stores Brynmawr	Shop hours.
Mr. W. H. Millichap 38, Orchard St., Llanfaes, Brecon	.. Shop hours.
Mr. Gates, Camden Stores, Dorlangoch, Brecon	.. Shop hours.

### Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children—1967.

Dental treatment is provided for expectant and nursing mothers and young children under 5 years by the School Dental Officers at the following clinics:—

Brecon, Brynmawr, Builth Wells, Cefn Coed, Crickhowell, Hay-on-Wye, Tirabad and Ystradgynlais.

32 mothers were examined and 31 were found to require treatment. 29 courses of treatment were commenced of which 20 were completed during the year. The number of teeth extracted was 65, the number of fillings inserted 69 and 14 dentures were provided.

51 children were examined of whom 39 were found to require treatment. 36 courses of treatment were commenced and 12 were completed.

Full details of inspections and treatment are shown in Table VII.

### **Section 23 — Midwifery Services.**

Under the provisions of Section 23 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the local health authority fulfilled its obligations by covering its area with a sufficient number of qualified midwives to meet the needs thereof. The Authority had in its employ on the 30th September, 1967 (this is the date for which the Ministry of Health now requires this information), 3 whole-time and 21 part-time midwives, giving an equivalent whole-time staff of 7.0 midwives available to attend upon women being confined in their own homes. In addition to these there were hospital midwives practising in the County on the 31st December, 1967.

One Superintendent Nursing Officer is employed who is also the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives. Periodic inspections are made to the midwives employed by the local health authority, and supervision of Hospital Midwives is also carried out.

Tables dealing with midwifery, notification of births, etc., are given below:—

#### **Supervision of Midwives—**

Forty-four Midwives notified their intention to practice in the County during the year viz.. 40 residents, 2 border midwives and 2 midwives employed by Radnorshire practising in Bulth Hospital.

19 were resident in Institutions.

2 Radnorshire midwives functioning in Breconshire, by arrangement between the Authorities. —

21 were employed by the Breconshire County Council.

2 midwives employed by Radnorshire practising in Bulth Hospital.

#### **Ante-Natal Supervision by Midwives—**

Domiciliary midwives undertake ante-natal supervision of their patients. This supervision is backed by a comprehensive service provided by the general practitioners, the local health authority at their ante-natal clinics, and the Hospital Service.

The domiciliary midwives work in close co-operation with the local general practitioners undertaking maternity medical services. They attend with their patients whenever required to do so, at the doctors' surgeries. Doctors are notified of births by the Public Health Department within a week of the notification of birth being received. This has been arranged at the request of the Local Medical Committee.

### Notifications from Midwives during 1967—

138 Forms of sending for Medical Aid were received—127 for mothers and 11 for children.

An analysis of the causes for summoning medical aid is given below:—

#### For the Mother:—

Ruptured Perineum	... 61
Prolonged, obstructed or labour inertia	... 24
Ante or Post Partum Haemorrhage	... 3
Retained or adherent placenta or membranes	4
Episiotomy	... 11
Breech Presentation	... 6
Foetal Distress	... 9
Twin Delivery	... 2
Miscarriage	... 1
Failed Induction	... 1
IVI Ergometrine	... 1
B.B.A.	... 1
Pain—swelling of left leg	... 1
Unsatisfactory Perineum	... 1
Toxaemia of Pregnancy. B.P. 160/100	... 1

#### For the Child:—

Cyanotic	... 1
Blue Asphyxia	... 2
White Asphyxia	... 3
Slow to cry. Cord tightly round neck	... 1
Prematurity	... 1
Abnormality—Anacephaly	... 1
Abnormal movements in both knees	... 1
Cleft Palate	... 1

In some cases, one Medical Aid Form was used for several different causes.

**Fees of Doctors called in under Midwives Act, 1918—Section 14 and N.H.S. (Amendment) Act, 1949, Section 29 (2).**

No. of cases in which General Practitioners claimed payment in respect of Medical Aid Forms	}	Nil
Total Amount of Claims paid		

**Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.**

No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

**Administration of Analgesics.**

All Midwives employed by the local health authority are qualified to administer gas and air analgesia to patients under their care.

1. Number of midwives in practice in the area, including private and hospital nurses qualified to administer analgesics, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Board:—
 

(a) Domiciliary	...	21
(b) In Institutions	...	17
		—
Total	...	38
2. Number of cases in which analgesics were administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year—
 

(a) Gas and Air	...	15
(b) Entonox	...	47
3. Number of midwives trained in the year ... —
4. Total number of sets of Minnitts Gas and Air Apparatus supplied by the Council ... 22
5. Number of cases in which Pethilorfan was administered by Midwives in Domiciliary practice during the year ... 14

During the year the Health Committee replaced all Minnitts Gas and Air Apparatus by the new Entonox Gas/Oxygen Analgesic Apparatus. All midwives in the County employed by the Local Health Authority are equipped with these new apparatus.

**Refresher Courses for Midwives.**

There are no facilities for holding refresher courses for midwives within the County.

During the year 5 midwives attended refresher courses at Cardiff and Cheltenham.



## Training of Pupil Midwives.

No facilities exist for the actual training of pupil midwives within the County.

The cost of training midwives is, of course, a pool arrangement and Breconshire contributes to the Central Midwives Board, the amount levied for this purpose.

## Notification of Births.

The following notifications of births were received during the year:—Live Births 362; Still Births 5; making a total of 367.

These births were attended by:—

District Nurse Midwives: County	... 72
Hospital and Institutional Midwives	... 295

Number of Births notified in the Authority's Area during 1967 under Section 203 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as adjusted by any transferred notifications:—

(a) Live Births 725; (b) Still Births 16; (c) Total 741.

## Section 24—Health Visiting.

The health visiting staff consists of 1 Superintendent Nursing Officer and 14 part-time health visitors, who also act as school nurses.

The Health Visitors visit monthly children under one year of age and thereafter at three-monthly intervals those between one and five years, although the two year olds are visited more frequently.

In addition to health visiting of expectant mothers and nursing mothers of young children, the health visiting staff works in close co-operation with the hospitals. When notices of discharges are received from the hospitals these are forwarded to the appropriate health visitors for the area, giving the diagnosis, treatment and recommendation as to further treatment.

The County Council offers allowances of 75% of the minimum salary of Health Visitor, for the duration of the course to suitably qualified persons who are prepared to train for the Health Visitor's Certificate, plus the usual allowance made by the Breconshire County Council in respect of uniform and laundry, as well as reasonable travelling expenses, tuition and examination fees incurred in pursuing the training course approved by the County Council.

Training of Health Visitors is now subject to financial pooling arrangements, somewhat similar to Midwives Training. The expenditure of the Authority will be adjusted by a further claim against them, or by re-imbursement of excess expenditure.

There are no facilities for the training of student health visitors within the County.

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are to be found in Table VI appended.

During the year 2 Health Visitors attended a course held at Cardiff.

## **HEALTH EDUCATION**

### **Ante Natal.**

Classes continue to be run by Health Visitors and Midwives at eight County Council Clinics. For further details of this one should refer to page 19 of this report under the heading of "Relaxation Exercise and Mothercraft Training Clinics."

Individual teaching is still being given by the Health Visitors at Infant Welfare Clinics.

### **Lung Cancer.**

Health Education in relation to Lung Cancer is still mainly directed to the teenagers in schools. Posters are freely displayed at all County Council Clinics and other premises, drawing the attention of members of the public to the dangers of smoking.

During the year the department's efforts in this direction were devoted to poster propaganda, as no visits were made to schools expressly for this purpose. Owing to other commitments it has not been possible to arrange such talks, lectures or demonstrations.

Posters were distributed and the film "Smoking and You" is available for free loan to Youth Clubs etc. The Authority has also purchased a 16 m.m. projector and all necessary equipment, so that arrangements can also be made to show Health Education films to those groups not possessing such equipment.

### **Section 25 — Home Nursing.**

A whole-time nursing service is provided by the local health authority. The staff consists of 5 whole-time and 21 part-time nurses, giving an equivalent of 11.5 full-time nurses. The nurses in the various districts co-operate to the fullest extent, and work in conjunction with the general practitioners. The supervision of the nursing in the home is exercised by the Superintendent Nursing Officer. Liaison with the hospital and domiciliary nursing services does not generally exist in a direct nature. In the small hospitals within the County, the doctors at the hospitals are normally the general practitioners who are already in close contact with the district nurses. In the case of the large base hospitals situated outside the county, the patient's doctor is aware of the requirements of discharged cases and he requests what attention is necessary. Also, as in the case of health visitors, hospitals contact the department when they require domiciliary nursing of any case being discharged.

## **Classification and Proportion of Main Types of Cases attended by Home Nurses.**

During the year 2,027 patients were nursed in the homes and 50,927 visits were made.

These cases were classified as follows:—

	<b>Patients</b>	<b>Visits.</b>
Medical ...	1,387	43,073
Surgical ...	407	6,191
Infectious Disease ...	5	26
Tuberculosis ...	42	370
Maternal Complication	31	46
Others ...	155	1,221

Further analysis of the above figures show that 853 patients were over 65 years of age, and 89 were under 5 years.

The average number of visits per case for all patients works out at 24.1 visits each.

## **Section 26 — Vaccination and Immunisation.**

Under the provision of Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, arrangements are made for Smallpox vaccination and immunisation against diphtheria to be carried out by the general practitioners and at clinics by the local health authority's Medical Officers.

Health Visitors in their visits to the homes encourage the parents to avail themselves of the opportunity of having the children vaccinated against Smallpox.

Health Visitors also encourage the mothers to bring their children to the clinics for immunisation against diphtheria or take them to the general practitioner.

The following tables show the work carried out in the County during 1967.

### **(a) Vaccination—**

Vaccination can be carried out by the family doctors at their surgeries at the request of the parents, and is also undertaken by the County Council Medical Staff. Practitioners who undertake this work are supplied with lymph from the Local Health Authority.

Vaccination is free of charge to the patient.



Figures of persons vaccinated each year from 1948 to 1967 are given below:—

Year.	Primary Vaccination.	Re-Vaccination.
1948	89	17
1949	112	16
1950	141	25
1951	215	69
1952	170	36
1953	191	30
1954	252	44
1955	160	40
1956	270	64
1957	252	40
1958	250	78
1959	348	86
1960	419	49
1961	333	85
1962	12,570	8,883
1963	152	81
1964	141	43
1965	242	54
1966	308	128
1967	228	32

Figures for persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) in 1967:—

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—16	Total
Number Vaccinated ...	16	145	53	14	228
Number Re-Vaccinated	—	—	—	32	32

#### (b) Diphtheria Immunisation—

Diphtheria Immunisation work is being carried out quite satisfactorily at the various Infant Welfare Centres, on school premises and clinics, and from the figures obtainable to the end of the year, there is no doubt that the scheme continues to work most efficiently. In addition, children are immunised by private practitioners at their surgeries.

Number of children immunised during the year 1967 by Officers of the Council and by General Practitioners.

**Year of Birth.**

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1960—63	Others under 16	Total
Primary doses ...	236	325	25	11	271	47	975
Re-inforcing doses...	2	192	281	31	765	554	1825

**(c) Immunisation against Whooping Cough.**

The immunisation against Whooping Cough, like other injections, can be given at the County Council Clinics and Schools or by the general medical practitioners at their own surgeries or in the homes.

The Council's Scheme for Vaccination and Immunisation Section 26, was extended in 1954 to include the inoculation of children against whooping cough.

Antigen is supplied to General Practitioners for the combined inoculation against Diphtheria-Pertussis, or a Whooping Cough vaccine itself.

**(d) Tetanus.**

A scheme for inoculation against tetanus was commenced in 1961 and has been in operation for close on six years. The injections are normally combined with injections for Diphtheria and Whooping Cough or Diphtheria only. Occasionally anti tetanus injections are given alone when necessary.

**(e) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.**

The scheme for the vaccination of children and adults against poliomyelitis continued to work very smoothly throughout the year.

Sessions for vaccination were held during the day at School Clinics, or alternatively patients could be vaccinated by their own doctors.

The following information as at the end of 1967 will give some indication of the overall picture of persons vaccinated:—

	By Councils Medical Officers	By G.Ps.	Totals
Number of persons who had been given 2 in- jections of Salk Vaccine or 3 doses of Oral Vaccine up to the end of 1967 ...	17,325	9,004	26,329
Of the above number, the following persons had been given 3 injections of Salk Vaccine or 2 injections plus 1 Oral Dose up to the end of 1967 ...	14,004	6,610	20,614
Of the above number, the following persons had been given 4 injections or 3 injections plus 1 Oral Dose, up to the end of 1967 ...	6,414	2,946	9,360

## Section 27. Ambulance Service—

The strength of the ambulance fleet is now eight ambulances with a reserve of four vehicles, plus one long range ambulance.

Since taking over the operational control of the Ambulance Service in April 1964, efforts have been concentrated on replacing the older existing ambulances. I am pleased to state that the Authority now operates a fleet of comparatively new vehicles. In 1968, the oldest vehicle in use will be less than five years old, and the mileage will be very small for such a vehicle.

The ambulance arrangements remain as follows, at Brecon, Builth, Crickhowell, Hay, Brynmawr and Ystradgynlais, since the Breconshire County Council has entered into agreement with garage owners to operate the scheme on similar lines to the garage arrangements previously made between the St. John's Association and the garages (excepting Ystradgynlais).

The ambulance stationed at Hay ceased to function on 31st October, 1967 due to the resignation of H. V. Webb and Sons. Until a new contractor was found the area was covered by the Brecon Ambulance Station with occasional help from Cwmdru Station.

1. Brecon Ambulances.—Two ambulances cover Brecon Borough and the whole of Brecon Rural District.

2. Builth Ambulance covers Builth Urban, Llanwrtyd Urban, and Builth Rural District, with the exception of the parish of Llanwrthwl at the very north of the County. This ambulance will also, by arrangement with Radnorshire, in emergency cases only, continue to cover as heretofore a small area of the County adjoining Builth Urban, viz., the parishes of Llanelwedd, Llansantffraed-in-Elvel, Aberedw, Disserth, Rhulen, Llanbadarn-y-garreg, Llanfared and Cregrina, Glas-cwm and Colva. Radnorshire on their part covers for us the three Breconshire parishes of Llysdinam, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan, and Llanwrthwl in the north of the County by their ambulance from Llandrindod Wells.
3. Hay Ambulance covers Hay Urban and Hay Rural Districts together with the Radnorshire District of Paincastle Rural and parishes of Newchurch and Michaelchurch-on-Arrow.
4. Crickhowell Ambulance covers the whole of the Crickhowell Rural District, other than Clydach and Darenfelen Areas.
5. Brynmawr Ambulance.—This ambulance covers Brynmawr, Clydach and Darenfelen.
6. Ystradgynlais Ambulances.—Two ambulances in this area are operated within the framework of the County Ambulance Service by full time personnel.

Apart from what has been mentioned above, in connection with Radnorshire, there are two areas of the County, both situated on the southern border, for which arrangements have been made for them to be covered by outside authorities as follows:—

- (a) Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District, including the Brecon Rural appendage of Hepste. Glamorgan has undertaken to cover this area in their scheme by their ambulances stationed at Seven Sisters, Glynneath and Aberdare.
- (b) The Village of Cefn Coed and the adjoining Parish of Vaynor (Pontsticill). The Borough of Merthyr Tydfil has undertaken to include this area in their ambulance scheme.

Since a considerable number of people live in the rural part of the Penderyn parish situated on the eastern border of this parish where it adjoins the parish of Vaynor but live within easy access of the main Brecon-Merthyr road, arrangements have been made that these people should be covered for ambulance purposes by the Merthyr Borough, even though they actually live within part of the area for which Glamorgan has undertaken responsibility since it is much more easy to obtain ambulance transport from Merthyr and Merthyr General Hospital is the one to which they always go when in need.

The arrangements with the Border Counties have worked satisfactorily, and I think it can be reported again that the scheme is working very well.



A County Ambulance Transport Committee meets quarterly and includes representatives of the County Council, the Regional Hospital Board, and co-opted representatives of other interested bodies.

Radio Telephone equipment was installed in all ambulances and has been operationally used from 1st October, 1967. Within the limits imposed by the range of the one mast at Ysgwyddol Bach reception has been found to be good after initial technical difficulty. Radio watch is maintained at the Health Department during office hours.

Four portable oxygenaire baby incubators have been provided for use throughout the County for the transport of premature babies. Two of these incubators are sited at local hospitals and are available constantly for use by the Hospital staff in transferring premature babies from one hospital to another, or by the domiciliary midwives in taking such infants into hospital.

Ambulance Station Telephone Numbers.—Table IX appended to this report gives the telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County. These numbers are not necessarily the same as those exhibited in Telephone Exchanges to which all emergency calls are directed. For instance, the "999" emergency calls for Brynmawr are relayed to Caerleon 283. A local arrangement exists whereby calls directed to Monmouthshire are immediately referred to the Brynmawr station or, if need be, the calls are answered by Monmouthshire.

### **Sitting Car Service.**

This service is running quite efficiently and works as follows:—

Each medical practitioner, midwife, hospital matron, etc., is supplied with voucher books authorising journeys to be made by private car at the expense of the local health authority in all cases where by reason of physical or mental defect the patient is unable to travel by public conveyance, and the starting point is situated within the County. The charges permitted are agreed by the local health authority, who advertise for tenders from car proprietors who are willing to undertake the conveyance of patients. For this purpose the County is divided into 13 areas which are covered by 10 contractors. The following table shows the contractors and the parishes covered since 1/4/67. The contract for conveyance of sitting patients is for a period of three years. The present contracts will thus remain

in operation until 31st March, 1970. At Ystradgynlais, sitting patients are conveyed by the ambulances since whole time personnel are employed. Penderyn, although not covered by an official contractor, presents no difficulties, much of the work being done by the bordering authority on our behalf, and cases are also conveyed by local garage proprietors.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
1.	T. J. Brown & Sons, 1 George Street, Brynmawr. Tel. Brynmawr 238	Brynmawr, Darenfelen and Clydach.
2.	J. L. Williams, Crescent Garage, Cwmdu. Tel. Bwlch 289	Llangynidr, Bwlch and Cwmdu.
3.	J. L. Williams, Crescent Garage, Cwmdu. Tel. Bwlch 289	Crickhowell, Gilwern, Grwynefawr, Grwynefechan, Llanbedr, Llangattock, Llangenny, and Partrishow.
4.	Brecon Motors Ltd., 41 Watton, Brecon. Tel. Brecon 2610	The Borough of Brecon and Parishes of Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelogfach, Battle, Aberyscir, Vennyfach, Llan-spyddid, St. David Without, Glyn, Modrydd Cantref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Llan-wern, Llansantffraed, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llangasty Talyllyn, Cathedine, Llangorse, Llanfillo and Llanfigan (excepting Torpantau) and Llanddetty (excepting Pontsticill and Dolygaer).
5.	T. C. Davies, Drug Stores, Sennybridge. Tel. Sennybridge 447	Parishes of Llandeilo'r Fan, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Trallong, Yscltydach, Traian-mawr, Traianglas, Cray, Seany, Maescar and Penpont.
6.	R. Morris, 5 Llewellyn Street, Merthyr Tydfil. Tel. Merthyr Tydfil 2839	Patients can only be conveyed from:— Parishes of Vaynor plus Pontsticill, Dolygaer and Torpantau and those houses and farms situated near the Brecon—Merthyr Road although these are actually in the Parish of Penderyn.
7.	No Contractor. Hand to nearest Car Pro- prietor willing to undertake journey.	Patients can only be conveyed from:— Parish of Penderyn excepting those houses and farms situated near the Brecon—Merthyr Road (see Area 6) plus Hepste portion of the Brecon R.D.C. which comes in between Penderyn and Ystradfellte Parishes and also the Breconshire portion of Hirwaun and Parish of Ystradfellte.
8.	W. R. Powell, The Garage, Llanwrtyd Wells. Tel. Llanwrtyd Wells 259	Urban District of Llanwrtyd and Parishes of Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Penbualt Gwarafog, Llanafanfawr, Llanlleonfel, Llanafanfechan, Llanfihangel Abergwessin and Llandewi Abergwessin and Treffis.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
9.	C. K. Andrews, (Builth Wells) Ltd, Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells. Tel. Builth Wells 2218	Urban District of Builth and Parishes of Rhosferig, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maesmynis Llangynog, Llandewi'r Cwm and Alltmawr.
10	C. K. Andrews, (Builth Wells) Ltd., Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells. Tel. Builth Wells 2218	Llanwrthwl, Llys dinam (Breconshire) and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan.
11.	H. V. Webb & Sons, .. Lion Garage, Lion Street, Hay-on-Wye. Tel. Hay-on-Wye 619	Urban District of Hay and Parishes of Hay Rural, Llanigon and Tregoyd and Velindre.
12.	H. V. Sandy, .. New Inn, Talgarth Tel. Talgarth 220	Talgarth, Llanellieu, Llandefalle (Southern Half), Bronllys, Aberllynfi and Pipton.
13.	H. V. Sandy, .. New Inn, Talgarth. Tel. Talgarth 220	Llyswen, Gwenddwr, Crickadarn, Llande- falle (Northern Half).

It is pointed out that no tenders were invited and, therefore, no contracts entered into in respect of the Ystradgynlais District, in view of the fact that this district is at present adequately covered by the County Council's ambulances operating in the district. From time to time use is made of Local Garages to supplement this service if demands are too heavy

The Ambulance Service in Breconshire has no 24-hour central control but on the whole the service operates very smoothly indeed, in spite of this. Much consideration has been given to the question of central control and the question has also been subjected to considerable investigation by the officers of the Welsh Board of Health and the Ministry of Health, with the conclusion that a compromise has been arranged whereby a 24-hour service is guaranteed by the garages, and the County Health Department can act as central control during office hours. Calls for sitting cars during the day are normally made from hospitals outside the County to the County Health Department or to one of the ambulance stations. Requests from doctors within the County are made direct to the various contractors.

The limit of 40 miles, over which it is necessary to obtain prior approval from the County Medical Officer, continues to be imposed and has enabled the local health authority to combine a considerable number of journeys thereby reducing the cost accordingly.



Doctors and hospitals are from time to time reminded of economy and letters have been repeatedly written to hospitals requesting them to change times of appointments in order to fit in more than one patient in a car proceeding to the hospital.

The inconvenience and remote situation of many dwellings must have a direct bearing on the demand for transport under this scheme and although general practitioners are being constantly informed of this, it is inevitable that it must tend to increase the demand.

There does not appear to be any deliberate abuse of the scheme, which the local health authority supervises very carefully.

Figures of the ambulance and sitting-car services during 1967 are given below:—

### Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Station	Number of Journ's	Patients Carried		Total Patients Carried	Total Miles Tr'v'll'd	Patients conveyed as Accident or Emergency Cases
		Stretch	Sitting			
Brecon ...	455	510	25	535	17029	81
Brynmawr ...	322	336	57	393	4982	84
Builth ...	245	271	5	276	7020	10
Crickhowell ...	250	278	16	294	6952	22
* Hay ...	135	150	21	171	6291	25
Ystrad'lais ...	1215	609	6992	7601	54608	167
Totals ...	2622	2154	7116	9270	96882	389
1966 ...	2503	1919	6693	8612	94730	349
1965 ...	2690	1990	7747	9737	100028	373
1964 ...	2749	2071	7900	9971	104932	438
1963 ...	2744	2011	8084	10095	103117	458
1962 ...	2606	1974	7251	9225	96140	399
1961 ...	2573	1935	6233	8168	93123	381
1960 ...	2412	1935	7175	9110	96760	300
1959 ...	2330	1743	6303	8046	87883	299
1958 ...	2287	1759	6422	8181	90559	271

\* Journeys up to 31/10/67, thereafter included in Brecon figures.

## Sitting Car Service — 1967.

Month.		Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage
January	..	846	2088	29558
February	..	810	1928	27328
March	..	774	1856	26032
April	..	849	2116	28576
May	..	852	2182	28170
June	..	898	2227	30929
July	..	871	2091	29616
August	..	783	1873	25471
September	..	779	1987	26356
October	..	833	2147	29583
November	..	810	2310	30083
December	..	673	1765	21449
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		9778	24571	333151
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### Comparative Figures for previous years.

Year.		Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage.
1966	..	8347	20444	285841
1965	..	8623	21279	276996
1964	.	8155	19869	265765
1963	..	7463	18499	240649
1962	..	7430	17467	236712
1961	..	7399	17257	229208
1960	.	6702	14188	195278
1959	..	5841	12316	182272
1958	..	5599	12685	168595
1957	..	5496	12167	159376

### Section 28.—Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Under this heading comes the after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defectiveness, all types of illnesses, the provision of equipment and apparatus (medical comforts) required for nursing the patients in the homes, and accommodation in recuperation homes. The local health authority is responsible for the provision of extra nourishment and clothes for the patient and his family, except in the case of patients who are in receipt of National Assistance, when these items would be the responsibility of the National Assistance Board. Provision of out-door shelters, special beds and bedding, and other nursing requisites, etc., is the concern of the local

health authority, and applications for any of these services are dealt with after furnishing particulars of all members of the family income, etc. When assistance is given, it is either free of charge or on whole or part payment by the patient. The amount of payment to be made by the patient is assessed on an income scale adopted by the local health authority and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Such items as wheel-chairs and crutches are provided by the County Council if the need is a temporary one, but if the necessity is likely to be permanent, then the responsibility for the provision of the articles rests with the Regional Hospital Board, such items being supplied through the Ministry of Pensions. Any applications of this nature are forwarded by this Department to the appropriate Hospital Management Committee requesting them to deal with the case.

Nursing requisites and aids are provided free in all cases.

(1) **Tuberculosis** — The treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried on by the Welsh Hospital Board (Tuberculosis Division). Table V (appended) shows the number of cases notified on Form "A" during the year.

Where necessary, the local health authority will provide tuberculosis patients with shelters on loan, and extra nourishment can be provided by the local health authority for them. The health visitors visit households in which there are tuberculosis patients and offer advice as to contacts and preventive measures which should be taken by them. Cases of bad housing conditions are referred to the local housing authorities.

The local health authority, with the Welsh Hospital Board, arrange for the joint appointment of medical officers who are employed in connection with the local health authority's services in relation to the prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Domestic Help Scheme under Section 29 also plays its part in the prevention of illness, care and after-care of these cases.

The Time Tables of the Tuberculosis Chest Physicians are as follows:—

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Days of Attendance.	Times.
1. Dr. D. Ivor Williams, 2 Bulwark, Brecon—Telephone 2954.		
Brecon	Tuesdays	.. 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon-- Clinic New and old patients. 11 a.m.—Consultations (Brecon Hospital).

Name and Address  
of Chest Clinic.

Days of Attendance.

Times.

1. Dr. D. Ivor Williams (Continued)—

	Tuesdays (Cont.)	..	2 p.m.—Contacts and B.C.G.
			Domiciliary Visits
	Fridays	..	10 a.m.—New and old patients.
			2 p.m.—New Cases by Appointment.
Builth Hospital Builth Wells	.. Mondays	..	10.30 a.m.—Clinic and Consultations
The Hospital Llandrindod	.. Mondays	..	2 p.m.—Clinic and Consultations.
Ystradgynlais-- at Adelina Patti Hospital	.. Thursdays	..	2 p.m.—New and Old Cases.

2. Dr. L. Erin, "Hawthorns." Courtland Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil -  
Telephone 2829.

For Cefn, Vaynor and Pontsticill Patients.

Courtland Terrace Merthyr Tydfil	.. Tuesdays	..	2 p.m.—New and Old Cases by Appointment.
	Wednesdays	..	9.30 a.m. — Children and Contacts.
	Wednesdays	..	2 p.m.—New and Old Cases by Appointment.

For Penderyn and Hirwaun Patients.

General Hospital Aberdare	.. Mondays	..	9.30 a.m. — New and old patients by appointment.
	Thursdays	..	2 p.m.—Old Cases by appointment.

3. Dr. P. Owen-Lloyd, "Clairwood", 2, Lower Cimla Road, Neath.  
Telephone: Neath 3278.

(For Pontneathvaughan)

"Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Rd., Neath	.. Mondays	..	9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Old Patients (By appointment only).
	Wednesdays	..	2 p.m.—Contact Clinic 9.30—New Cases (By appointment only).
	Tuesdays	..	Static Mass Radio- graphy Sessions. 10 a.m. to 12 noon— females. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.—Males
	Thursdays	..	2 p.m.—Old Patients (By appointment only).

Name and Address  
of Chest Clinic.

Days of Attendance.

Times.

4. Dr. S. Keidan Chest Unit, Tredegar General Hospital, Tredegar  
Mon. Telephone: Tredegar 2101-4

Tredegar General  
Hospital

.. Monday morning .. 10 a.m.—New patients  
Monday afternoon .. 2 p.m.—Contacts and  
Special Appoint-  
ments.  
Thursday morning .. 10 a.m. — Special  
Appointments.  
Thursday afternoon .. 2 p.m.—Old patients

Ebbw Vale  
Hospital

.. Tuesday afternoon .. 2 p.m.—New patients  
and Contacts, etc.  
Friday afternoon .. 2 p.m.—Old patients.

Blaina and District  
Hospital

Patients from Blaina, Brynmawr and  
.. Abertillery

Tuesday morning .. 10 a.m.—Old patients.  
Wednesday afternoon 2 p.m.—New patients,  
Contacts, etc.

Appointments should be made at the Hospital the Patient will be attending.

Allergy Clinic.—Patients for this Clinic should, in the first instance, be sent to the nearest Chest Clinic.

Early in 1968 the above programme will be reviewed in relation to the centralisation of Chest Clinics in the New Hospital in Abergavenny.

5. Dr. M. I. Jackson, Chest Clinic, 129, Stow Hill, Newport

Telephone: Newport 66781.

Out Patient Dept.

Nevill Hall  
Hospital

.. Thursdays

Abergavenny,

Tel. Abergavenny 2091

.. 2 p.m. New and old  
patients (by appoint-  
ment only).

**B.C.G. Vaccination.**

The Chest Physicians undertaking duties in Breconshire still undertake the work of B.C.G. Vaccination in the County Areas under their control in respect of contact cases.



Since 1951 the following cases have been vaccinated:—

	By Chest Physicians. (mainly contacts).	By Medical Officers of County Council
1951	99	Nil
1952	43	Nil
1953	72	Nil
1954	92	Nil
1955	104	126
1956	81	104
1957	101	346
1958	77	352
1959	97	134
1960	88	887
1961	68	884
1962	56	518
1963	51	324
1964	55	509
1965	36	615
1966	51	402
1967	34	632

The Council's Scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination was approved by the Ministry in March, 1954, and since this date the Authority's Medical Officers have been skin testing and vaccinating school children between their thirteenth and fourteenth birthdays.

In 1959, proposals were submitted by the County Council to the Ministry for the extension of this scheme, to include the skin testing and vaccination or re-vaccination if necessary, of all children over the age of 13 years in school. This scheme was later approved by the Ministry during that year, and was brought into operation in 1960.

### **T.B. Serial Testing in Schools.**

In addition to the above scheme a further scheme for annual skin testing and the X'Raying of any positive reactors was introduced for all school children.

Annual tuberculin testing of all school children provides accurate and reliable information regarding the number of children infected from natural sources during any period of twelve months.

The annual conversion rate of non-reactor children still serves as a reliable index of the prevailing risk of infection in the community. When the conversion rate is found to be abnormally high in any class, school or district it indicates that viable tubercule bacilli are being disseminated freely and that

intensive case finding investigations should be applied including possibly the mass radiography service.

Contacts in the home or at school would be traced and thus prevent the further spread of the disease.

It is hoped, therefore, that by this method we will be able to detect the sources of infection which otherwise would not have been discovered until later.

Details of the work carried out in 1967 are given in the following four tables.

A. **B.C.G. Vaccination**— Children aged 13 and over.

SCHOOL	No. given skin test	Results		No given B.C.G. Vacc.	No. re-skin tested	Results		
		Positive	Negative			No. converted to positive	No. not converted	Given further B.C.G. Vacc.
Ystradgynlais Comp (Boys) ...	81	1	80	79	71	69	2	2
Brecon Secondary Modern ...	100	1	99	96	50	48	2	2
Ystradgynlais Comp. (Girls) ...	89	4	85	85	73	66	7	7
Gwernyfed Sec. Mod. ...	40	...	40	38	28	23	5	5
Builth Wells Comp. ...	47	2	45	45	79	77	2	2
Brynmaur Comp. (Boys)	42	1	41	39	79	78	1	...
Brynmaur Comp. (Girls)	47	1	46	46	77	74	3	3
Christ College ...	27	6	21	21	108	108	...	...
Brecon Boys Grammar ...	48	...	48	47	103	103	...	...
St. David's Convent ...	17	2	15	15	30	26	4	4
Tymawr School ...	28	1	27	27	25	25	...	...
Brecon Girls Grammar...	57	4	53	53	110	102	8	6
Vaynor and Penderyn Comp. ...	42	1	41	41	44	43	1	1
<b>Totals</b> ..	665	24	641	632	877	842	35	32

**B.—T.B. Serial Testing**—Other children attending School, who are under 13 years of age.

SCHOOL	Number given Skin Tests.	Results.		Number re-skin tested.	Results.		
		Positive.	Negative.		Natural Positive.	B.C.G. Positive.	Negative.
Llanbedr V.P. ....	4	—	4	33	—	—	33
Clydach C.P. Mixed ....	2	—	2	40	—	—	40
Clydach C.P. Infants ....	9	—	9	18	—	—	18
Llangattock V.P. ....	9	2	7	48	—	5	43
Llanfaes C.P. Infants ....	33	—	33	87	1	7	79
Brynmawr C.P. Mixed ....	7	—	7	168	5	6	157
Llangammarch C.P. ....	—	—	—	25	—	1	24
Llwynmadoc C.P. ....	4	—	4	18	—	—	18
Brynmawr C.P. Infants ....	23	2	21	81	—	2	79
Glasbury V.P. ....	4	—	4	23	—	1	22
Talgarth C.P. Infants ....	3	—	3	31	—	—	31
Llanfaes C.P. Mixed ....	5	—	5	122	—	5	117
Builth C.P. ....	24	—	24	142	2	6	134
Ystradgynlais Comp. (Boys) ..	2	1	1	67	—	4	63
Brecon Secondary Modern ....	14	1	13	99	—	9	90
Brynmawr V.P. Infants ....	28	—	28	50	—	1	49
Brynmawr V.P. Mixed ....	5	—	5	92	2	3	87
Ystradgynlais Comp. (Girls) ..	3	—	3	49	—	5	44
Gwernyfed Secondary Modern ..	—	—	—	47	1	4	42
Batle C.P. ....	7	—	7	23	—	1	22
Merthyr Cynog C.P. ....	1	—	1	8	—	—	8
Upper Chapel C.P. ....	3	—	3	8	—	—	8
Llangorse V.P. ....	10	—	10	24	—	2	22
Llan-Talyllyn V.P. ....	5	—	5	14	—	2	12
Cynlais C.P. Infants ....	22	—	22	33	—	2	31
Mount Street C.P. Infants ....	65	1	64	89	—	7	82
Mount Street C.P. Mixed ....	25	—	25	169	1	13	156
Cynlais C.P. Mixed ....	4	—	4	63	1	6	56
Cathedine V.P. ....	1	—	1	26	—	—	26
Brynmawr R.C. ....	8	—	8	24	—	—	24
Llangynidr V.P. ....	8	—	8	45	—	9	36
Llyswen V.P. ....	4	—	4	11	—	—	11
Tirabad C.P. ....	4	—	4	17	—	1	16
Llandefalle V.P. ....	3	—	3	24	—	1	23
Llanwrtyd C.P. ....	6	—	6	20	—	3	17
Cwmtwrch C.P. Mixed ....	—	—	—	33	—	2	31
Cwmtwrch C.P. Infants ....	6	1	5	23	—	—	23
Gurnos C.P. Mixed ....	3	—	3	85	—	6	79
Gurnos C.P. Infants ....	10	—	10	38	—	3	35
Glanrhyd C.P. ....	11	—	11	101	—	6	95
Penrhos C.P. Mixed ....	—	—	—	78	2	4	72
Penrhos C.P. Infants ....	23	1	22	35	—	4	31
Cefn C.P. Infants ....	64	—	64	82	—	—	82
Abercrave C.P. ....	11	—	11	78	3	9	66
Yniscedwyn Welsh ....	14	—	14	116	5	12	99
Penycae C.P. ....	10	—	10	32	1	3	28
Glyntawe C.P. ....	—	—	—	17	—	—	17
Ystradfellte C.P. ....	4	—	4	19	—	—	19
Ysgol Thomas Stephens ....	7	—	7	46	—	5	41
Penderyn C.P. ....	19	—	19	102	—	7	95

# T.B. Serial Testing—Cont.

SCHOOL	Number given Skin Tests.	Results.		Number re-skin tested.	Results.		
		Positive.	Negative.		Natural Positive.	B.C.G. Positive.	Negative.
Darenfelin C.P. Mixed ...	—	—	—	35	—	—	35
Darenfelin C.P. Infants ...	19	—	19	26	—	—	26
Cefn Coed C.P. Mixed ...	3	—	3	201	—	4	197
Caehopkin C.P. ...	11	—	11	36	—	3	33
Colbren C.P. ...	14	—	14	49	—	8	41
Velindre V.P. ...	6	—	6	14	—	2	12
Hay V.P. Infants ...	4	—	4	10	—	1	9
Hay V.P. Mixed ...	1	—	1	18	1	—	17
Llanigon V.P. ...	1	—	1	23	—	1	22
Bronllys V.P. ...	1	—	1	27	—	7	20
Builth Comprehensive ...	6	1	5	67	—	3	64
Brynmawr Comp (Boys) ...	3	—	3	55	1	2	50
Brynmawr Comp (Girls) ...	4	—	4	67	1	1	65
Christ College ...	12	1	11	5	—	—	5
Postern V.P. ...	11	—	11	32	—	3	29
Llanspydd'd C.P. ...	5	1	4	21	1	1	19
Llanganten C.P. ...	1	—	1	15	—	—	15
Llanafanfawr C.P. ...	4	—	4	15	—	—	15
Garth C.P. ...	5	—	5	22	—	—	22
Llaneglwys C.P. ...	4	—	4	10	—	—	10
Crickadarn C.P. ...	3	—	3	6	—	1	5
Gwenddwr V.P. ...	3	—	3	12	—	1	11
Hay C.P. Mixed ...	—	—	—	43	1	2	40
Hay C.P. Infants ...	6	—	6	30	1	2	28
Sennybridge C.P. ...	16	—	16	68	—	3	65
Cray C.P. ...	6	—	6	16	—	1	15
Llan-Nant-Bran V.P. ...	1	—	1	15	—	1	14
Trallong V.P. ...	9	—	9	12	—	2	10
Llanwrthwl V.P. ...	1	—	1	5	—	—	5
Elan Village V.P. ...	2	—	2	16	—	—	16
Trecastle C.P. ...	5	—	5	24	—	1	23
Llanfilo C.P. ...	1	—	1	5	—	—	5
Talgarth C.P. Mixed ...	—	—	—	74	—	14	60
Cwmdu V.P. ...	12	—	12	44	—	7	37
Llanfrynach V.P. ...	3	—	3	13	—	5	8
Talybont V.P. ...	13	1	12	40	1	7	32
Gilwern C.P. ...	54	—	54	161	1	5	155
Crickhowell V.P. ...	34	—	34	103	—	5	98
Clydach C.P. Mixed ...	1	—	1	37	—	—	37
Clydach C.P. Infants ...	9	—	9	22	—	2	20
Llanbedr V.P. ...	11	—	11	37	—	1	36
Llangatlock V.P. ...	12	—	12	47	—	5	42
Llwyniadoc C.P. ...	6	—	6	24	—	—	24
Llanganmarch C.P. ...	1	—	1	21	—	1	20
Llanfacs C.P. Infants ...	48	—	48	96	—	6	90
Brynmawr C.P. Mixed ...	8	—	8	42	1	7	134
Brecon Boys Grammar ...	2	—	2	63	1	10	52
St. Joseph's Convent ...	16	1	16	24	—	2	22
St. David's Convent ...	19	4	15	60	4	3	53
Brecon Girls Grammar ...	—	—	—	57	1	2	54
Vaynor and Penderyn Comp. ...	9	—	9	50	—	4	46
Totals ...	963	17	946	4836	37	303	4496

## C.—CHEST X-RAYS

(In connection with B.G.G. Vaccination).

School.	No. Done	No. Satis- factory.	No. Unsatis- factory.
Ystradgynlais Comp. (Boys)	1	1	—
Brecon Secondary Modern	1	1	—
Ystradgynlais Comp. (Girls)	4	4	—
Gwernyfed Mod. Sec.	—	—	—
Builth Comprehensive	2	2	—
Brynmawr Comp. (Boys)	1	1	—
Brynmawr Comp. (Girls)	1	1	—
Christ College	6	6	—
Brecon Boys Grammar	—	—	—
St. David's Convent	2	2	—
Tymawr School	1	1	—
Brecon Girls Grammar	4	4	—
Vaynor and Penderyn Comp.	—	—	—

## D.—CHEST X-RAYS

(In connection with T.B. Serial Testing).

School.	No. Done	No. Satis- factory.	No. Unsatis- factory.
Llangattock V.P.	2	2	—
Llanfaes C.P. Infants	1	1	—
Brynmawr C.P. Mixed	5	4	1 (Fissure in lung)
Brynmawr C.P. Infants	2	1	1 (Inflammation of lung)
Builth Wells C.P.	2	2	—
Ystradgynlais Comprehensive (Boys)	1	1	—
Brecon Secondary Modern	1	1	—
Brynmawr V.P. Mixed	2	2	—
Gwernyfed Secondary Modern	1	1	—
Mount Street Infants	1	1	—
Cynlais C.P. Mixed	1	1	—
Cwmtwrch C.P. Infants	1	1	—
Penrhos C.P. Mixed	2	2	—
Penrhos C.P. Infants	1	1	—
Abercrave C.P.	3	3	—
Yniscedwyn Welsh	5	5	—
Penycae C.P.	1	1	—
Hay V.P. Infants	1	1	—
Builth Wells Comprehensive	1	1	—
Brynmawr Comprehensive (Boys)	1	—	1 (Pleural thickening)
Christ College	1	1	—
Llanspyddid C.P.	2	2	—
Hay C.P. Mixed	1	1	—
Talybont V.P.	2	2	—
Gilwern C.P.	1	1	—
Brynmawr C.P. Mixed	1	1	—
Brecon Boys Grammar	1	1	—
St. David's Convent	8	8	—
Brecon Girls Grammar	1	1	—
Brynmawr Comprehensive (Girls)	1	—	1 (enlarged hilar glands)



## (2) Illness Generally—

Arrangements exist for the follow-up of all cases discharged from hospital and work in the after-care of patients is closely linked with Domestic Help and Home Nursing Services.

Nursing equipment and apparatus are loaned to patients direct by the local health authority free of charge.

Items are also loaned by the St. John Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society. The local health authority assists voluntary agencies by providing suitable premises for storage where possible, by grants, and also by the provision of equipment.

In Crickhowell, Llanwrtyd and Gilwern, the British Red Cross Society have set up Comforts Depots, for which we have purchased the equipment. In Crickhowell, the County Council provided the storage facilities at the Market Hall.

During the year 5 persons were provided with convalescent accommodation either free or for a small charge based on the Council's scale of charges.

In addition to the above known applications, the nurses have for their own use such items as air rings and rubber sheeting which are loaned to patients.

### Orthopaedic Work.

The treatment of orthopaedic cases is undertaken by the Authority, and the services of Mr. E. R. Treasure, F.R.C.S., Orthopaedic Specialist, St. Tvdffil's Hospital, Merthyr, are available by arrangement with the Welsh Hospital Board.

The Local Health Authority employed an Orthopaedic Nurse, Mrs. J. Jones, who paid domiciliary visits as and when necessary. She also held frequent fixed clinics throughout the County.

Mrs. Jones assisted at Mr. Treasure's clinic in Brecon Hospital, for which service the Welsh Hospital Board paid to the Local Health Authority an agreed sessional fee.

The fixed clinics held for orthopaedic treatment are as follows—

The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr	..	Each Monday, with the exception of the 4th Monday of the month.
The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells	..	4th Monday of each month. a.m.
The Town Hall, Talgarth	..	1st Tuesday of each month. p.m.
The Clinic, Ystradgynlais	..	Each Wednesday. p.m.
The Clinic, Ysgol-y-Graig, Cefn Coed	..	1st Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Clinic, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye	..	4th Thursday of each month. a.m.
The Clinic, Crickhowell	..	3rd Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Watton Offices, Brecon	..	Each Friday. p.m.

As requested by the Department, Mr. E. R. Treasure, held Consultation Clinics at the Brecon Health Department Clinic on the dates shown below. Details of numbers seen are given.

## BRECON SPECIALIST CLINIC

Dates—		21.3.67	20.6.67	19.9.67
Number called for Examination	..	18	21	18
Number attended	..	17	14	14
No treatment required	..	7	10	9
To attend clinics	..	6	4	5
X-Rays required	..	3	1	2
To be seen again by Specialist	..	2	—	—
Require Hospital Treatment	..	2	—	—

### Chiropody Service.

The County Council's Chiropody Service, which started in April, 1960, still continues to function very satisfactorily, although demands made on the service are increasing. It is a service which is growing and which, of course, is a great help to the elderly.

The categories of patients catered for remain unchanged and are:—

- (i) The elderly.
- (ii) The physically handicapped.
- (iii) Expectant mothers.
- (iv) Other patients at discretion of County Medical Officer.

In view of the ever increasing demands made upon the service by these categories alone it is still impossible to extend the scheme beyond these at present.

All Chiropodists were assisted by teams of volunteers drawn from the British Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Association, Old Age Pensioners Association and the W.V.S.

The Cefn Coed Clinic is run under the supervision of Mrs P. A. Bush acting as a private individual unattached to any voluntary agency. She is now however, assisted by helpers from the Old Age Pensioners Association.

There is no doubt that the efficiency of the scheme owes much to the valuable services rendered by these good ladies and it is once again recorded that we deeply appreciate this work undertaken by them.

Since 1966 the Authority employed one full time chiropodist covering the major part of the County, and one sessional worker in Ystradgynlais, Abercrave and Cwmtwrch and another sessional worker for Brecon, Gilwern, Crickhowell and Cefn Coed, giving a whole equivalent of approximately 2 chiropodists.

At the end of the year Clinics were being held at the following places and at the times shown:—

**Clinics held by—**

Mrs. M. Llewelyn	Ystradgynlais	2nd and 4th Thursdays, p.m. 1st and 3rd Fridays, p.m.
	Abercrave	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, p.m.
	Cwmtwrch	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, p.m. 1st Wednesday, p.m.

**Clinics held by—**

Mr. C. G. Morrish	Colbren	2nd and 4th Mondays, p.m.
	Builth Wells	1st Wednesday, a.m. and p.m. 2nd Tuesday, a.m. and p.m. 3rd Wednesday, a.m. and p.m. 5th Tuesday, a.m.
	Brynmaur	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, a.m. and p.m.
	Hay	2nd and 4th Wednesdays a.m. and p.m. 4th Tuesday, a.m.
	Talgarth	3rd Monday, a.m. and p.m.
	Darenfelin	1st and 3rd Thursdays, p.m.
	Pontneath- vaughan	2nd Monday, a.m.

**Clinics held by—**

Mrs. D. Jones	Brecon	Every Friday, a.m. and p.m. (except 3rd Friday of month) 1st and 5th Tuesdays, p.m. 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays p.m.
	Cefn Coed	1st and 4th Wednesdays a.m. and p.m. 2nd Tuesday a.m. and p.m.
	Crosfield House Bwlch	2nd Wednesday, a.m.
	Crickhowell	1st Monday, a.m. and p.m. 4th Tuesday, a.m. and p.m. 5th Monday, a.m. and p.m.
	Gilwern	3rd Monday, a.m. and p.m.

Attendance is still by appointment only.

The chiropodists also visited house-bound patients to give treatment and the extent of such treatment insofar as the numbers treated and number of visits will be seen in the Table X.

It has previously been stated that at some future date clinics will be extended to Llanwrtyd Wells and Sennybridge. When clinic premises are erected in these places it is hoped to put the extension plan into operation.

The method of obtaining treatment is still the same as hitherto and patients can either ask for an appointment direct from the local volunteers running the clinic in their area, or write to the County Medical Officer.

Transport of patients to the Chiropody Clinics can be undertaken under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, if the patient is unable to attend by means of alternative public transport. Alternatively, when a patient is conveyed to the Clinic by the voluntary agency, using a member's car, such member is paid at the rate of 6d. per mile. Authorisation by the patient's doctor, however, is required before transport can be provided either by the Ambulance Authority or the Voluntary agency.

All Chiropodists employed were qualified and satisfy one or other of the qualifications stated in Section 3 of the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954 (Statutory Instrument No. 55, 1954), and the Local Health Authority has been most careful in seeing that the requirements of these Regulations have been fully met.

Elderly and handicapped patients have treatment free of charge; expectant mothers and other patients pay 2/6d. per treatment.

During the year the following work was undertaken.—

### Clinic Sessions.

Clinic Sessions held		.. 609			Total
	Elderly	Physically Handi- capped	Expectant Mothers	Others	
Number of patients treated ..	1143	12	1	26	1182
Number of attendances made by these patients ..	4540	19	1	94	4654

### Domiliary Visits.

Number of patients visited ..	254
Number of visits paid to these patients ..	1127

Table X, appended to this report gives further information of patients treated at Clinics and domiciliary visits shown in their respective areas.

## **VENEREAL DISEASES--**

The authority's health visitors are available for the visiting of these cases to encourage them to keep up their attendance at special clinics and continue with the prescribed treatment.

Free posters are issued for display at Clinics and elsewhere

Apart from any assistance as above, treatment of V.D. is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. There are no treatment centres in the County and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford County Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Moira Terrace, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, and V.D. Clinic, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury.

## **CANCER—**

The number of deaths again fell during 1967. The figures for this year being 89 deaths and a death rate of 1.64 per 1,000 population as compared with 99 and a death rate of 1.81 in 1966. Of the 89 deaths there were 14 cases of lung cancer.

Deaths from Cancer accounted for 12.66% of all the deaths. Deaths from lung cancer were 15.73% of the total cancer deaths.

Figures of deaths from cancer, and the rate per 1,000 population over the last ten years are given below:—

Year.	Deaths.	Rate per 1000 population.
1966	99	1.81
1965	104	1.90
1964	104	1.91
1963	120	2.20
1962	112	2.05
1961	122	2.20
1960	91	1.64
1959	93	1.66
1958	116	2.07
1957	111	1.97



## CERVICAL CYTOLOGY—

Circular 18/66 dated 21st. October 1966, from the Welsh Board of Health was considered in January 1967. It was agreed emphatically that the service should be introduced and operated directly by the County Council Medical Staff.

Dr. M. W. Evans, Assistant Medical Officer, who had previously been running similar Clinics under the aegis of the Family Planning Association undertakes the work on behalf of the County Council.

Clinics for this scheme were held at seven centres throughout the County, and commenced in September 1967. The medical examination includes:

- (a) a cervical or neck of the womb smear for early detection of cancer coupled with a full pelvic examination.
- (b) examination of breasts.
- (c) at the request of the family doctors, and if time permits, an examination of the patient's urine.

Attendance is by appointment only, and approximately 10 examinations are undertaken each session.

The following table shows the name and number of clinics held and the number of patients seen. Only one positive report was received during this period of four months.

Clinic.		No. of Women attended.	No. of Re Exams.	Results.		
				Pos.	Neg.	Repeat.
Ystradgynlais	...	27	6	—	25	8
Cefn Coed	...	18	4	—	17	5
Brynmaur	...	33	1	1	30	3
Hay-on-Wye	...	24	5	—	22	7
Crickhowell	...	16	1	—	15	2
Brecon	...	90	6	—	84	12
Builth Wells	...	21	6	—	18	9
Totals		229	26	1	211	46

## Section 29.—DOMESTIC HELP—

This scheme under Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, continues to work quite well throughout the County. The difficulty previously encountered owing to the lack of domestic helps has almost disappeared, and difficulty is now only experienced in the odd case where domestic helps are unwilling to accept the ease.

Domestic Helps are registered with the authority and then engaged on a case basis as required.

On the 31st. December, 1967, the number of domestic helps employed by the Authority was:—

(a) Whole-time Domestic Helps	...	Nil
(b) Part-time Domestic Helps	...	220
(c) Whole-time equivalent of those shewn in (b)	...	63

The number of cases where Domestic Help was provided during the year, together with yearly figures since 1964 for comparison, is given below:—

	1967	1966	1965	1964
Maternity	4	5	4	10
Chronic Sick and Tuberculosis	42	40	40	37
Mentally disordered	2	1	4	4
Others	22	15	17	15
Cases over 65 years	380	358	343	315
Totals	450	419	408	381

Mrs. F. J. McLean supervises the domestic helps by frequent visits to patients' homes. There is now a closer liaison between the domestic helps, the patients and the Department since the appointment of a Domestic Help Supervisor, and irregularities, however slight, are investigated by the Supervisor immediately.

### Holiday Scheme for Domestic Helps.

In 1963 the Breconshire County Council introduced a holiday scheme for domestic helps based on the number of hours worked and the continuity of each domestic help's service during the previous year.

The minimum payment to be made to any domestic help in lieu of holidays is for five hours.

The cost of this scheme to the County Council for each of the last three years was:— 1965, £1,001; 1966, £986; 1967 £981

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.**

### **Mental Health Act, 1959.**

The Mental Health Act, 1959, came into operation during 1960. All previous legislation relating to mental illness and mental deficiency and contained in the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890-1930 and the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-38, was repealed in the new Act.

The Mental Health Act, 1959, made provision with respect to the treatment and care of mentally disordered persons and with respect to their property and affairs. The emphasis throughout this Act is on treatment and not custody. Every effort will be made to encourage patients to seek treatment informally and without compulsion. A mentally disordered person can now enter any Mental Hospital or General Hospital for observation without any formality or certification whatsoever.

### **Types of Mentally Disordered Persons.**

- (a) **Mentally Ill.**
- (b) **Psychopathic Personality.**
- (c) **Severely Subnormal Personality.**
- (d) **Subnormal Personality.**

The magistrate no longer has any part in the compulsory admission of patients to hospital. This lays stress on medical, as opposed to the administrative outlook on mental disorder. The compulsory admission for observation or treatment will now be on the recommendation of two doctors. One doctor must have special psychiatric experience, and the other doctor if possible should be the patient's general medical practitioner.

Adequate safeguards against unnecessary detention are provided by the establishment of Mental Health Review Tribunals. One Tribunal is formed for each area for which there is a Regional Hospital Board, to consider applications from patients already in mental hospitals for their release from hospital.

The Local Health Authority is responsible for the community care of all mentally disordered persons not in hospital.

## **Local Authority Services**

### **Under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act.**

(a) The provision, equipment and maintenance of residential accommodation and the care of persons resident in such accommodation.

(b) The provision of centres for training or occupation and the equipment and maintenance of such centres.

(c) The appointment of officers to act as Mental Welfare Officers.

(d) To supervise persons placed under Guardianship.

(e) The provision of a home training service.

(f) The provision of day centres.

(g) The provision of social clubs.

(h) The provision of a Home Visiting Service.

### **Under Education Act, 1944.**

The ascertainment of children unsuitable for education in school.

## **ORGANISATION AND STAFF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

(A) The following is, in outline, a description of the existing organisation and staff arrangements:—

### **(1) Mental Health Sub-Committee.**

The Local Health Authority has appointed a Mental Health Services Sub-Committee which is a sub-committee of the Local Health Committee.

### **(2) Officers responsible for organisation and control.**

The County Medical Officer, Dr. R. G. Evans, assisted by the Deputy County Medical Officer, advise the authority on mental health matters. The County Medical Officer undertakes the overall organisation and control of the services and the direction of all mental health workers carrying out the function of the local health authority. The Deputy Medical Officer is responsible for the day to day organisation of the mental health services.

The ascertainment of subnormal or severely subnormal personality is undertaken by the County Medical Officer, the Deputy County Medical Officer and Dr. C. E. Edwards, Assistant Medical Officer and District M.O.H. (Southern areas) who are approved by the Breconshire L.E.A. for the ascertainment of children who are unsuitable for education at school.

The psychiatrists of the Welsh Hospital Board co-operate to the fullest extent and borderline or controversial cases are referred to them for opinion. In this connection Dr. G. Diggle, Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, gives every possible help.

Under the new catchment area the consultant Psychiatrist for Breconshire is now Dr. T. S. Davies of Llanfrechfa Grange Cwmbran.

Early in 1966 the Welsh Hospital Board re-organised the catchment areas for Hospitals for subnormal patients with the result that Breconshire's patients are no longer admitted to North Wales or even Mid-Wales Hospitals. Future admissions will be to Llanfrechfa Grange Hospital, Cwmbran. Dr. T. S. Davies, the Physician Superintendent of this hospital has extended to us his fullest co-operation for which we are most grateful.

During the year cases were also referred to Mr. J. McDonald Child Psychiatrist, at Swansea, and to Dr. Gaynor N. Lacey, Consultant Psychiatrist to Merthyr Tydfil Education Committee for assessment.

### **(3) Administrative and Clerical Staff.**

Two part-time officers assist the County Medical Officer in the administration of the Mental Health Services.

### **(4) Psychiatric Social Worker.**

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed by the Welsh Border Hospital Management Committee (Regional Hospital Board) jointly with the County Councils of Breconshire, Radnorshire and Montgomeryshire. She devotes 5/33rds of her time to Breconshire.

### **(5) Mental Welfare Officers.**

Mental Welfare Officers.— Six give part-time service only, as they are also Welfare Officers and Registrars of Births and Deaths. They work in the following five areas:—

- (a) Brecon and Sennybridge — Mr. H. G. Edwards.
- (b) Brynmawr and Crickhowell — Mr. T. V. Rees.
- (c) Builth, Hay and Talgarth — Mr. David J. Davies.
- (d) Ystradgynlais — Mr. W. T. Davies.
- (e) Vaynor and Penderyn -- Mrs. M. M. R. England.
- (f) Whole County (Relief) — Mr. R. I. Jones.

A system of relief has been devised to ensure that a Mental Welfare Officer is always available for any district. Each Mental Welfare Officer relieves his or her neighbouring colleague, and as a further safeguard, Mr. R. I. Jones, Chief Clerk in the Public Health Department, has been appointed and approved as Relief Mental Welfare Officer.



Table XI appended to this report shows the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Mental Welfare Officers; giving their normal areas served together with the areas they each relieve.

Although these officers only give part-time service in the Mental Health field, those at Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay are actually whole-time officers of the Council, whereas those at Vaynor and Penderyn and at Astraradgynlais are only part-time officers.

The duties of the Mental Welfare Officers are to exercise the functions given to them by Sections 22, 135 and 140 and Parts IV and V of the Mental Health Act, 1959.

#### **(6) Health Visitors and Home Visiting Services.**

Periodic visits are paid by the Health Visitors to all sub-normal patients in their area. Some of these patients are also visited by the Psychiatric Social Worker.

The Health Visitors also visit and submit a periodic report on patients discharged from mental hospitals, as part of a Home Visiting Service. Cases suitable for surveillance by the Health Visitors are forwarded by the Psychiatric Social Worker and the Health Visitors work under the guidance of the Deputy County Medical Officer and the Superintendent Nursing Officer.

The majority of the home visiting of mentally disordered patients is still, however undertaken by the Psychiatric Social Worker working from the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

#### **(7) Training of Staff.**

##### **(a) Mental Welfare Officers.**

It is proposed to send all the Mental Welfare Officers on an approved course in Mental Health.

##### **(b) Health Visitors.**

Health Visitors employed by the Local Authority attended a course of "In-Service" training organised by the Medical Superintendent, Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, and visited the Rehabilitation Unit at Cardiff, during the year.

The Deputy County Medical Officer, the Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and the Psychiatric Social Worker, have given lectures on the Mental Health Act to all nursing staff.

Miss Gwendoline Morgan, the Psychiatric Social Worker discusses individual patients with the Health Visitors at frequent meetings throughout the County.

An excellent liaison has thus been established between the staff of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and the Health Department of the Council.

In-service training is being continued at the Mid-Wales Hospital and Health Visitors attend a series of one-day study courses, These are held for one day each month.

At the request of one Health Visitor in the County the Authority agreed to sponsor her for an 18 months course of Psychiatric Nursing at Guy's Hospital, London. The Authority made up the difference between her Health Visitor's salary and the pay she received as a student Psychiatric Nurse at Guy's Hospital.

#### **(8) Training Centre.**

Officially the Brecon Adult and Junior Training Centre was declared open on the 5th October, 1966, by Goronwy Roberts, Esq., M.P., Minister of State for Education and Science.

Actually, however, it was opened to receive 60 trainees on the 5th September, 1966.

Without exception I must pay tribute to the enthusiasm of all the members of the staff, who have all displayed kindness and consideration to the trainees, whether directly under their supervision or merely in contact by working on other duties at the centre.

Social, educational and occupation training is being provided as governed by the demands made for such services. Ancillary services such as meals, medical inspection, dental treatment and provision of transport is being provided.

One boy is resident at the Sunfield Children's Home, Clent, Worcs., and another "chair-bound" boy is at the Cheshire Home, Hawthorn Lodge, Dorchester.

#### **(9) Residential Accommodation.**

No form of residential accommodation is available at present, but this may well warrant serious consideration sooner than was anticipated, and this has been provided for in the 10 year plan of Health and Welfare Services.

The authority will, when necessary, and when possible arrange with voluntary bodies or other authorities providing such facilities, for accommodation to be available for cases from this area, until our own hostel is erected.

#### (10) Home Training.

No home training is undertaken in the County since September, 1966, when the peripatetic teachers were absorbed into the staff of the Occupation Training Centre.

#### (11) Day Centres, Social Clubs, Etc.

There are no existing arrangements of this nature.

It is the Authority's intention, with the aid of the Voluntary Agencies, to provide Social Clubs and other activities, but that at the onset a pilot scheme should operate in the County Town (Brecon) and that the service should be extended as soon as the demand warrants the establishment of Social Centres and Clubs elsewhere.

#### (12) Guardianship.

The Authority will ensure that they will exercise their functions under the Mental Health Act, 1959, in respect of persons placed under guardianship, whether that of the Authority or of other persons.

There were no cases under Guardianship in the County during 1967.

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#### (13) Statistics.

Details of patients receiving home visits, attending Occupation Centres, waiting for admission to Occupation Centres Admissions and Discharges from Hospitals, etc., are given in Table XII as an appendix to this Report.

#### (14) Waiting List For Hospital Admission.

Number of Patients in Local Health Authority's area on waiting list for admission to Hospital at 31/12/67

	Psychopath.		Subnormal		Severely Subnormal	
	Under 16 years.	Over 16 years.	Under 16 years.	Over 16 years.	Under 16 years.	Over 16 years.
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
(1) In Urgent need of Hospital Care	..	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— 2 — —
(2) Not in Urgent Need of Hospital Care	...	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —

#### (15) Number of admissions for temporary residential care.

Three patients were admitted to temporary residential care during 1967.

## Admission of Emergency Cases to Psychiatric Hospitals.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 132 of the Mental Health Act, 1959, and of paragraph 11 of the Ministry of Health Memorandum on Parts I, IV-VIII and IX of the Act, the following hospitals were notified to the Local Health Authority as catering for emergency admissions from the County:—

Penyval Hospital, Abergavenny.

Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

\*Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea.

\*Accommodation for Psycho-Geriatric Patients.

## Ambulance Services.

The ambulance service for mentally-ill patients is the same as set out in Section 27.

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## Mental Health Act, 1959.

### Mental Health (Approval of Medical Practitioners) Regulations, 1960.

The following list comprises the names of all Medical Practitioners approved by the Breconshire County Council in accordance with the Mental Health Act, 1959, and the Mental Health (Approval of Medical Practitioners) Regulations, 1960 (Statutory Instrument, 1960, No 771):—

Approval effective in all instances to 31.10.70.

Name and Address of Medical Practitioner	Telephone Number
AITKEN, C. A. M., Danybryn, Camden Road, Brecon	.. Brecon 2121
BOLADZ, W., Castle Bank, Ystradgynlais..	Glantawe 3221
CAMERON, D. F., Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells	Builth Wells 2207
CHOPRA, S. N., Dunedin House, Brynmawr	Brynmawr 226
COPPOCK., R. L., Iscoed, Camden Road, Brecon	.. Brecon 2244
DAVIES, E., Haulfryn, Abercrave	.. Abercrave 225
DAVIES, V. J., Haulfryn, Abercrave	.. Abercrave 225
DIGGLE, G., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202
DOLNY, L., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	.. Talgarth 202
EDWARDS, Creighton E., 12 Camden Court, Brecon	Brecon 2867 (Home) .. Brecon 2456/7 (Office)
EVANS, J. I., Grosmont, Hirwaun	.. Hirwaun 221

EVANS, R. G., Health Office, Brecon	.. Brecon 2456/7 (Office) Brecon 2575 (Home)
FARRINGTON, G. W., The Hermitage, Brynmawr	.. Brynmawr 217
FARRINGTON, R. M., Clydach House, Gilwern	.. Gilwern 315
FENN, C. M., Meadow Way, Llanwrtyd Wells	.. Llanwrtyd 257
GILROY, P. J., Knockgrania, Caddicks Rd, Blaina	.. Blaina 340
HAND, B. J., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202
HOUGHTON, H. J., Cecil Lodge, Llandrindod Wells	.. Llandrindod 2085
JONES, J. K., 5, Lon-y-Coed, Brecon	.. Brecon 2456/7 (Office) Brecon 2925 (Home)
LONDON, J. M., The Cottage, Talgarth	.. Talgarth 309
MELLING, N. E., Wennetune, Sennybridge	Sennybridge 380
PRICE, K. J. P., Rhydywernen House, Brecon	.. Brecon 2244
PUGH, V. T., Maes-y-Coed, Builth Wells	.. Builth Wells 2207
PUGH, J. K., Maes-y-Coed, Builth Wells	.. Builth Wells 2207
UNGAR, L., 'San Remo,' The Walk, Merthyr Tydfil	.. Merthyr Tydfil 3630

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## Annual Report of the Psychiatric Welfare Services For Breconshire for 1967

A steady build up of the after-care case load appears inevitable in the Psychiatric Social Services of the County. A small percentage of the referrals to the Psychiatric Welfare Department remain sufficiently stable and self-reliant to manage life unaided after an initial period of advice and support, but there is also a portion who experience recurrent bouts of mental illness and need to be readmitted to hospital or to receive short periods of treatment as out-patients. The remainder manage to hold a stable course, providing they are given support and advice with day to day problems.

The Health Visitors of the County combine with the Psychiatric Social Worker in providing counselling and advice to patients who have undergone psychiatric treatment. Co-ordination between all those involved in the after-care service is essential and the monthly case conferences at the Mid-Wales Hospital, provide a much needed opportunity for discussion and a source of referral which benefits both the staff and those in their care. Pre-care and early treatment has also been achieved by the close link between the services. When abnormality of behaviour or ideas is



noticed in those attending clinic or doing a home visit, information is relayed to the Psychiatric Social Worker who, in conjunction with the general practitioner advises relatives and provides either counselling or early medical treatment. Whenever possible, every attempt is made to prevent a disruption of family life by giving treatment on an out-patient basis but when this occurs, greater support is needed from the psychiatric social service in order to provide the feeling of security, the sympathy and understanding which the mentally sick need. Due to the large case load in Breconshire and in particular, the heavily populated areas of Brynmawr, Clydach, Llanelly Hill and Gilwern, the Psychiatric after care services are inadequate to meet the needs of the community.

While in hospital, patients have been provided with a welfare service to which they can apply for help concerning domestic, employment and social problems relating to themselves and their families. The question of suitable employment still remains the greatest problem in connection with the resettlement of people recovering from mental sickness. Due to the shortage of industry in the County, great difficulty is experienced in obtaining work for the stabilised, schizoid type of individual. The rehabilitation Service of the Ministry of Labour is used whenever possible to retrain patients for work suitable to their capabilities and temperament but this service is of very limited use due to the shortage of local employment available after training. The lack of social facilities and the isolation of many patients resident in the North West corner of the County has concerned the Psychiatric Social Worker for some time and in order to integrate into the local community, these lonely people some of whom are employed at the British Legion Factory at Llanwrtyd Wells, a Social Club has been established. Willing co-operation and support has been given by the Management Committee of the Cambrian Factory and by local Church leaders and voluntary bodies in the setting up of this new venture. Despite some early trials, the club has proved a success and during the past year, a programme of varying social events has been much enjoyed. Responsibility for running their own enterprise has given to some, a new purpose in life, while friendships formed have benefitted every member.

The need for keeping the general public aware of the problems of the mentally sick has been a constant aim since the commencement of the Psychiatric welfare work in the County. Talks, film shows discussions have been held during winter evenings with various sections of the community and these have led to voluntary visiting of the chronic sick in hospital and in certain instances, to the provision of pre-care for incipient mental distress.

# Analysis for 1967:

	Male	Female	Total
No. of admissions to Mid-Wales Hospital	35	43	78
No. of discharges from - -	28	49	77
No. attendances at Brecon Psychiatric Clinic		Total 149	
No. patients received after-care visits		Total 265	
No. home visits		1,321	
No. visits of kindred social work (i.e. employers, medical advisers, social agencies etc.).		516	

Signed Gwendoline Morgan,  
Psychiatric Social Worker

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## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

I am indebted to the Welfare Department for supplying information of work under the National Assistance Act.

The Welfare Committee of the Council is responsible for the work under this Act.

### Section 21—(1) (a) Homes for the Aged.

Ashburnham House, Talgarth	...	15 beds
Brynhyfryd, Builth Wells	...	15 beds
Cartref, Hay-on-Wye	...	28 beds
Cockcroft House, Hay-on-Wye	...	65 beds
Crawshay House, Brynmawr	...	36 beds
The Grove, Ystradgynlais	...	25 beds
Llysfaen, Cefn Coed	...	15 beds

Each home can provide accommodation for both male and female residents and, if necessary, married couples. During the year 78 people have been admitted to Homes for the Aged in the county, 30 transferred from one Home to another, and 52 discharges (34 to hospitals for short periods, 9 for long periods and 9 have been discharged for other reasons). Four residents have died in the Homes and 18 have died in Hospital. There is one Breconshire person in a Home maintained by a Voluntary Organisation and one person in accommodation provided by another Authority. Accommodation is provided for 21 persons from other Authorities. A new Home for 28 persons at Hay-on-Wye was completed in May, 1967, which replaces in part the 65 bedded former Public Assistance Institution at Hay-on-Wye. A new 45 bedded Home is being erected at Brecon and should be completed about November, 1968.

## Section 21--(i) (b) Provision of Temporary Accommodation.

Temporary accommodation, for persons who are in urgent need thereof, on account of circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen, is provided at Cockerft House, Hay-on-Wye. The former accommodation at Welfare House, Llangattock has been closed.

## Section 29—(i) Handicapped Persons (General Classes).

Under this section of the Act, a scheme for handicapped persons has been adopted. There are 185 people registered under the Scheme, as follows:—

Classification.	Number.
Amputation ... ..	14
Arthritis and Rheumatism ... ..	55
Congenital Malformations and Deformities ...	24
Diseases of Digestive and Genito-Urinary systems; of the Heart and Circulatory systems; of the Respiratory system other than Tuberculosis; and of the skin. ...	2
Injuries to the head, face, neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis or trunk, injuries or diseases (other than tuberculosis) of the upper and lower limbs and of the spine. ...	19
Organic nervous diseases, Epilepsy, Disseminated Sclerosis, Poliomyelitis, Hemiplegia, Sciatica, etc. ...	49
Neuroses, Psychoses and other nervous and mental disorders. ...	6
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) ...	2
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory) ...	2
Diseases and Injuries not specified above ...	12
	<hr/> 185 <hr/>

Age Groups.	Number.
5 — 15	—
16 — 20	11
21 — 50	48
51 -- 64	53
65 and over	73
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Seven severely handicapped persons are in accommodation provided by voluntary organisations e.g. Cheshire Homes, etc., on behalf of the County Council. Three persons are at the British Legion, Crosfield House.

The Council also assist many other registered handicapped persons, with holidays, adaptations in the home, special aids, etc. The Council has also entered into an agreement with the Cambrian Factory, Llanwrtyd Wells, whereby the factory take registered disabled non ex-servicemen for training and subsequent employment under sheltered conditions — 14 persons are so assisted. Car badges are issued to disabled drivers which will assist them with parking etc. Thirty registered physically handicapped persons attend Social Centres in various parts of the County, and a number have been assisted in obtaining sheltered employment with Remploy etc. They participate in outings and the annual Fisteddfod for the Handicapped.

### **Section 31—Contributions to Old People's Organizations.**

The Council may make contributions to Old People's Welfare Organisations in the County upon application and during the year under review 8 grants were made. Annual grants are also made to the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales and also the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Moral Welfare Association.

### **Section 48—Temporary Protection Property**

The Council may, where no other suitable arrangements have been or are being made for the temporary protection of property of persons admitted to Hospital, etc. arrange for such property to be protected and take reasonable steps to prevent or mitigate the loss or damage thereof. Arrangements were so made for one case in 1967, whilst storage continues in a number of other cases.

### **Meals on Wheels**

The Council in conjunction with Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District Council have commenced a Meals on Wheels Scheme in the Vaynor and Penderyn district. The meals are supplied by Helliwells canteen, Aberdare, and are delivered by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service personnel to the house-bound in the area. One meal is delivered per week to approximately 90 persons which meal consists of a well balanced and varied diet. The recipients are charged 1s 3d. per meal. The total cost of the Scheme is shared between the County Council and the Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District Council

## Provision of Special Housing for the Elderly

The County Council have adopted a Scheme whereby Grants are made to District Councils towards the cost and provision of Old People's bungalows and flats. The scheme provides for Grants from £10 — £30 per dwelling per year up to a maximum period of 30 years. The amount of the Grant is determined by the Welfare facilities, approved for the dwelling concerned. During the year under review grants have been promised, subject to certain conditions, as follows:—

Authority	No. of Dwellings
Brecon Borough	53
Brecknock Rural District Council	11
Brynmawr Urban District Council	8
Builth Wells Urban District Council	20
Builth Wells Rural District Council	6
Crickhowell Rural District Council	25
Hay Rural District Council	29
Hay Urban District Council	12
Ystradgynlais Rural District Council	22

## Applications

Applications for the above services should be made to the County Welfare Officer, County Welfare Department, Council Chamber Building, Glamorgan Street, Brecon. (Tel. Brecon 2311).

## WELFARE OF THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY-SIGHTED

The Council's scheme is very comprehensive and provides:—

1. Ophthalmic examinations (domiciliary visits where necessary),
2. registration of blind and partially-sighted persons,
3. a visiting service,
4. welfare service,
5. special equipment and appliances.
6. Wireless sets for the blind (as agents for the wireless for the Blind Fund).
7. a teaching service for Braille Moon and handicrafts,
8. supplies of handicraft materials at cost prices,
9. help with the obtaining of orders and marketing of goods, assistance with the arrangements for rehabilitation including, according to means, financial assistance,
10. help with the training and placement in employment, in conjunction
11. with the Ministry of Labour and the Youth Employment Service.
12. a holiday scheme with financial assistance according to means,
13. Social Centres, handicraft classes, parties and outings.



During the year the Ophthalmic Surgeons examined and completed Form B.D.S. in respect of 83 persons, certifying them as follows:—

	Blind.	Partially-sighted.	Neither.	Re-Exams.	Total.
Mr. G. W. Hoare	8	15	—	17	40
Mr. F. G. Hibbert	5	1	12	1	19
Mr. H. F. T. MacFetridge	3	3	3	3	12
Mr. S. Pillai	1	1	—	1	3
Mr. G. Vine Cole	1	2	1	4	8
Mr. Roy Thomas	—	—	—	1	1
	<hr/> 18 <hr/>	<hr/> 22 <hr/>	<hr/> 16 <hr/>	<hr/> 27 <hr/>	<hr/> 83 <hr/>

The 27 re-examinations resulted in the following changes in category:—

- 9 Partially-sighted persons became Blind.
- 4 Blind persons became Partially-sighted.
- 3 Persons became Partially-sighted.
- 9 Persons remained Partially-sighted.
- 2 Persons previously examined remained unregistered.

There were 13 domiciliary visits during the year.

The Register of Blind and Partially-sighted persons at 31.12.67.

Blind	Age Groups						Totals
	0-15	16-20	21-49	50-59	60-69	70+	
Males ...	2	1	7	5	12	49	76
Females ...	1	—	8	6	9	68	92
	<hr/> 3 <hr/>	<hr/> 1 <hr/>	<hr/> 15 <hr/>	<hr/> 11 <hr/>	<hr/> 21 <hr/>	<hr/> 117 <hr/>	<hr/> 168 <hr/>

Partially-sighted							
	0-15	16-20	21-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Totals
Males ...	2	1	7	5	12	49	76
Females .	2	2	3	11	81	—	99
	<hr/> 4 <hr/>	<hr/> 4 <hr/>	<hr/> 8 <hr/>	<hr/> 17 <hr/>	<hr/> 109 <hr/>	<hr/> — <hr/>	<hr/> 142 <hr/>

## WELFARE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

The Council's scheme provides the same comprehensive services for the deaf and hard of hearing as for the blind, with the exception of the provision of wireless sets, ophthalmic exams, the teaching of Braille and Moon.

The Register of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons at 31.12.67.

	<b>Class A.</b> (Deaf without speech).	<b>Class B.</b> (Deaf with speech but hearing aid of no use).	<b>Hard of hearing.</b>	<b>Totals.</b>
Males ...	12	9	96	117
Females ...	4	11	188	203
	<hr/> 16 <hr/>	<hr/> 20 <hr/>	<hr/> 284 <hr/>	<hr/> 320 <hr/>

### Application.

Application for service in connection with the blind and deaf should be made to Miss Knowles, County Welfare Officer for the Blind and Deaf, New Council Chambers, Brecon. Tel. 2811 Ext. 13.

### Welfare Officers and Mental Welfare Officers in the County.—

1	*Brynmawr, Llanelly Hill and Crickhowell.	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Offices, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr.
2	Vaynor and Penderyn.	Mrs. M M R. England, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed.
3	Ystradgynlais.	Mr. W. T. Davies, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.
4	*Brecknock and Defynnog.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, The Watton, Brecon.
5	*Hay, Talgarth and Bulth.	Mr. D. J. Davies, Old Police Station, Talgarth.

\*Whole-time Officers.

### MISCELLANEOUS—

**Smallpox Hospitals.** — Arrangements have been made for Smallpox Cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready to receive the patient. In emergencies, where the consultants are not immediately available, a telephone call should be put through to the City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 21466), giving details to a responsible officer. The patient will be removed by the County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under Section 27 of the N.H. Service Act, 1946.

**Examinations of Staffs**—The Medical Staff of the County Health Department undertake, often at short notice, the examination of candidates for various County and Education appointments.

The Education Committee has directed that all candidates be examined and X-rayed on appointment. This is to include all persons already on the staff who are appointed to new posts.

The cost of X-ray Examination is borne by the Local Health Authority under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the exception of any X-Rays of Training College Candidates, in which case the cost is paid by the Ministry of Education.

### **Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 31.**

#### **Biological Sampling of Milk.**

During the year 125 samples of milk were taken and three of these prove positive for *Brucella Abortus*.

Immediately the results were known the usual line of action was put in operation, viz. information was passed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the District Medical Officer and the County Service.

### **Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.**

Work under these Regulations is undertaken by the District Medical Officers of Health and details of this should appear in their Annual Reports.

### **Child Guidance Clinics.**

Although the Breconshire Education Committee approved the setting up of Child Guidance Clinics some years ago this has not been possible to put into operation.

Dr. G. Diggle, Consultant Psychiatrist of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and Miss G. Morgan, Psychiatric Social Worker had also agreed to be included in the Child Guidance team when this was eventually set up.

Since these discussions, however, both the Speech Therapist for Breconshire and the Educational Psychologist have left the County, and have not been replaced.

In the meantime advantage is being taken of existing Child Guidance Clinics at Merthyr Tydfil, Hereford, and at Morriston Hospital.

As mentioned in a previous report, when this service has been brought into operation it will cater for the School Age Child, and the Pre-School Age Child. The Child Guidance team will be in close touch with all medical and nursing staff of child welfare clinics and will be able to advise on emotional development and behaviour difficulties which they encounter in their contacts with mothers and young children.



Table 1.—Vital Statistics for Various Districts for 1967

NAME OF DISTRICT	Population estimated to the middle of the year	Births				Nett Deaths belonging to the District.										Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births
		Live Births		Still Births		At all ages		Infants under 1 wk of age		Under 4 weeks of age		Under 1 year of age		Maternal		
		Number	Rate	Number	* Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Childbirth, Abortion, Pregnancy.	Rate per 1,000 Births	
Brecon Urban	5940	78	13.13	1	12.65	86	14.47	1	12.82	1	12.82	1	12.82	..	..	25.91
Bryllynawr Urban	6310	92	14.58	1	10.75	79	12.51	1	10.86	1	10.86	1	10.86	..	..	21.50
Brnith Wells Urban	1590	26	16.35	1	37.03	33	20.75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37.30
Hay Urban	1340	17	12.68	1	55.55	10	7.46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55.55
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	510	3	5.88	..	..	11	21.56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brecon Rural	6930	114	16.45	1	8.69	77	11.11	2	17.54	2	17.54	2	17.54	..	..	26.08
Builth Rural	3090	31	10.03	1	31.25	23	7.44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31.25
Crickhowell Rural	8140	110	14.61	4	33.05	79	9.70	1	8.40	1	8.40	1	8.40	..	..	40.65
Hay Rural	3410	38	11.11	1	25.64	66	29.35	2	26.31	1	26.31	2	52.63	..	..	51.28
Waynor & Pend'yn Rural	6460	93	14.39	1	10.63	77	11.91	..	..	..	..	1	10.74	..	..	10.63
Ystradgynlais Rural	10510	125	11.89	4	31.00	162	15.41	1	8.00	1	8.00	1	8.00	..	..	38.75
Brecon County	54230	736	13.57	16	21.27	703	12.96	7	9.51	7	9.51	9	12.22	..	..	30.58
England and Wales	...	...	17.2	...	14.8	...	11.2	...	...	...	12.5	...	18.3	...	0.16	25.4
Brecon County, 1966	54470	797	14.63	19	28.28	763	14.00	13	16.31	11	13.80	11	13.80	...	...	36.76

\*The rate for Still Births is the rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.

+ The rate for Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births.





Table III.—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Deaths in the Separate Districts of the County  
during the year 1967

CAUSES OF DEATH	URBAN					RURAL						TOTAL
	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn	Ystradgynlais	
Tuberculosis, Respiratory ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	5
Tuberculosis, Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syphilitic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningococcal Infections ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	3	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bronchus ..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	2	4	14
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ..	5	8	2	1	1	5	4	5	4	5	11	51
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Diabetes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	3
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	12	8	2	..	2	14	1	18	8	14	30	109
Coronary Disease, Angina ..	12	16	9	4	4	17	5	24	15	18	39	163
Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	2	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	1	2	11
Other Heart Diseases ..	20	11	12	2	1	5	5	10	21	14	16	117
Other Circulatory Diseases ..	11	4	..	..	..	8	2	2	5	4	7	43
Influenza ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pneumonia ..	1	2	..	..	1	2	1	2	1	5	..	15
Bronchitis ..	6	10	2	1	..	5	..	3	1	3	11	42
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	10	14
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	5
Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congenital Malformations ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	3
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ..	3	6	2	1	1	2	1	4	4	5	11	40
Motor Vehicle Accidents ..	1	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	2	..	2	10
All Other Accidents ..	..	3	1	..	..	2	1	2	1	2	4	16
Suicide ..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	6
Homicide and Operations of War ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	86	79	33	10	11	77	23	79	66	77	162	703
Totals, 1966 ..	84	89	37	19	9	79	39	89	86	77	155	763

Table IV. Notifiable Diseases, 1967.

DISTRICT	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Food Poisoning	Acute Pneumonia	Acute Polio-myelitis		Erysipelas	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Measles	Infective Encephalitis	Whooping Cough	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Para Typhoid	TOTALS
						Paralytic	Non-Paralytic												
Brecon Urban	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	31	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	33
Brynmawr Urban	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	169	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	178
Builth Wells Urban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Hay Urban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4
Brecon Rural	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	31
Builth Rural	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	47
Hay Rural	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	88
Crickhowell Rural	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	45
Vaynor & Penderyn Rural	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	17
Ystradgynlais Rural	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	12
Totals	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	525	...	4	2	19	...	1	...	561
Totals, 1965	...	11	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	490	...	1	4	25	...	1	...	536

Table V.—Tuberculosis.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 1st January, 1967 to 31st. December, 1967

Notification on Form A.															
Number of Primary Notifications.															
Age Periods	0	1	2	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	75 and upwards	Totals-- (All Ages)	
Respiratory--Males	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	..	1	4	1	..	12	
" Females	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	7	
Non-Respiratory--Males	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	
Females	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Totals	..	..	..	2	2	2	2	4	..	3	5	1	..	21	

Table VI.—Showing the work of the Health Visitors during the year 1967

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF VISITS PAID											Total Visits paid
	Pre Natal Visits		Visits to Children under 1		Visits to Children 1-2		Visits to Children 2-5		T.B. Households	Others	First Visits Paid to Households during the Year	
	First Visits	Total Visits	First	Total	First	Total	First	Total				
Brecon Urban	5	...	69	337	66	208	118	189	21	123	176	878
Brynmawr Urban	3	2	65	274	166	139	92	45	77	276	329	813
Builth Urban and Rural	17	...	64	107	38	88	88	196	31	41	188	463
Hay Urban and Rural	...	...	74	490	127	751	203	563	89	30	438	1923
Llanwrtyd Urban and Builth Rural (Part)	1	1	23	76	22	76	21	221	55	69	86	498
Brecon Rural and Crickhowell Rural (Part)	...	...	71	585	88	421	65	545	70	343	274	1964
Brecon Urban, Brecon Rural (Defynnog, etc.)	1	...	62	373	81	283	177	267	10	239	279	1172
Builth Rural (Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam, etc.)	...	...	10	18	2	1	5	44	..	64	9	127
Vaynor & Penderwyn Rural, excluding Cefn Coed	7	31	59	186	52	167	64	406	35	171	93	998
Crickhowell Rural (Clydach and Gilwern)	...	...	94	362	73	324	90	273	92	97	191	1148
Crickhowell Rural (Darentfelen)	5	5	9	61	10	68	12	76	14	126	23	350
Cefn Coed	1	...	60	278	64	400	201	684	40	176	292	1578
Ystradgynlais Rural (Part)	...	...	91	122	17	95	23	135	80	256	142	688
Ystradgynlais Rural (Abercrave) and Ystradgynlais Rural (Colbren)	...	...	35	164	54	171	87	376	67	109	145	887
TOTALS	40	39	786	3433	860	3192	1252	4022	681	2120	2665	13487

N.B.—The figures under "Firsts Visits" are repeated in "Total Visits"



Table VII.—Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, under Section 22. of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

**Part A. Attendances and Treatment—**

Number of Visits for Treatment during year.		Children 0-4 (incl.).	Expectant and Nursing Mothers.
First Visit	...	1. 36	13. 29
Subsequent Visits	...	2. 15	14. 44
Total Visits	...	51	73
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Number of Additional Courses of Treatment other than the First Course commenced during year	...	3. —	15. —
Treatment provided during the year	...		
Number of Fillings	...	4. 45	16. 69
Teeth Filled	...	5. 41	17. 63
Teeth Extracted	...	6. 35	18. 65
General Anaesthetics given	...	7. 2	19. —
Emergency Visits by Patients	...	8. 6	20. 1
Patients X-Rayed	...	9. —	21. 1
Patients Treated by Scaling and or Removal of Stains from the teeth (Prophylaxis)	...	10. —	22. 21
Teeth Otherwise Conserved	...	11. —	
Teeth Root Filled	...		23. —
Inlays	...		24. —
Crowns	...		25. —
Number of Courses of Treatment completed during the year	...	12. 12	26. 20

**Part B. Prosthetics—**

Patients Supplied with F.U. or F.L. (First Time)	...	27. 3
Patients Supplied with Other Dentures	...	28. 7
Number of Dentures Supplied		29. 14

**Part C. Anaesthetics—**

General Anaesthetics Administered by Dental Officers	...	30. 1
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**Part D. Inspections**

	Children 0-4 (incl.).	Expectant and Nursing Mothers.
Number of Patients given First Inspections during year	A. 51	D. 32
Number of Patients in A and B above who required Treatment	B. 39	E. 31
Number of Patients in B and C above who were offered Treatment	C. 39	F. 31

**Part E. Sessions—**

Number of Dental Officer Sessions (i.e. Equivalent Complete Half Days) devoted to Maternity and Child Welfare Patients:		
For Treatment	...	G. 24
For Health Education		H. Nil

Table VIII.—Analysis of Premature Births (Live and Still) belonging to the County, 1967

Premature babies born during the year (whose mothers normally reside in the area) including babies born in maternity homes and hospitals in or outside the County.

WEIGHT AT BIRTH	PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS														Premature Still Births		
	Born in Hospital				Born at Home or in a Nursing Home				Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day								
	Died				Died												
Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	In hospital	At home or in a Nursing Home				
2lb. 3oz. or less	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—			
Over 2lb. 3oz. up to and including 3lb. 4oz.	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1			
Over 3lb. 4oz. up to and including 4lb. 6oz.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—			
Over 4lb. 6oz. up to and including 4lb. 15oz.	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Over 4lb. 15oz. up to and including 5lb. 8oz.	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—			
TOTAL	38	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	1			

Table IX.—Telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County.

AMBULANCE AREAS.

	1st Call (a)	Alternative Calls (b)	(c)
(a) Brecon and District.—Including Sennybridge, Cray, Trallong, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Defynock, Llan-spyddid, Talybont, Llanfrynach, Llechfaen, Llan-hamlach, Merthyr Cynog, Llandefaelog, Llanddew, Battle, Aberyscir, Tallylyn, Llangorse, Llanfillo, etc.	Brecon 2610 ..	Bwlch 289 ..	Llysven 286
(b) Builth and District.—Including, Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llanafan, Garth, Abergwessin, Llanganten, Llan-ynis, Maesmynis, Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam, Llan-dewi'r Cwm, Llangammarch Wells, etc. ..	Builth 3147 ..	Llandrindod 2232 ..	Llysven 286
(c) Crickhowell and District.—Including, Bwlch, Llan-gynidr, Cwmdu, Gilwern, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangattock, etc. ..	Bwlch 289 ..	Brecon 2610 ..	Brynmawr 238
(d) Hay and Talgarth.—Including, Llanigon, Velindre, Tregoyd, Llandefalle, Bronllys, Pipton, etc. ..	Llysven 286 ..	Brecon 2610 ..	Hereford 4451 or Bwlch 289
(e) Ystradgynlais, Abercrave, Penrhos, Cwmtwrch, etc. ..	Glantawe 2113 ..	Neath 3641 ..	Brecon 2610
(f) Brynmawr, Clydach, Darenfelen, and Llanelly Hill, etc. ..	Brynmawr 238 ..	Bwlch 289 ..	Caerleon 283
(g) Cefn Coed, Vaynor and Pontsticill ..	Merthyr 3715 or 2855	—	—
(h) Hirwaun, Penderyn and Ystradfellte ..	Pontypridd 3973 ..	—	—
(i) Pontneathvaughan ..	Neath 3641 ..	—	—
(j) Carmarthen ..	Carmarthen 6666 ..	—	—
(k) Llandrindod ..	Llandrindod 2232 ..	—	—

N.B.—These telephone numbers are not necessarily those exhibited in Post Office Telephone Exchanges for Emergency Calls, and all persons making emergency calls are advised to carry out the instructions in Kiosks and Telephone Directories.

**Table X.—Chiroprody Service.**

**A.** Details of Patients treated and number of attendances made at the individual Clinics between 1st January, 1967 and the 31st December, 1967.

CLINICS	Half-day Sessions	Patients				Attendances			
		Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others	Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others
Brecon	113	173	1	1	9	773	2	1	30
Brynmawr	44	83	1	—	1	321	1	—	5
Ystradgynlais	53	107	—	—	4	455	—	—	8
Abercrave	28	80	1	—	1	256	1	—	2
Hay	52	85	—	—	—	393	—	—	—
Crickhowell	52	99	2	—	2	371	2	—	9
Cefn Coed	60	121	—	—	—	397	—	—	—
Builth Wells	72	108	4	—	2	478	9	—	18
Gilwern	22	52	1	—	—	160	2	—	—
Colbren	19	27	1	—	—	134	1	—	—
Cwnitwrch	37	88	—	—	4	366	—	—	14
Llanelly Hill	23	39	—	—	1	170	—	—	6
Talgarth	11	34	—	—	—	79	—	—	—
Pontneathvaughan	11	25	1	—	1	77	1	—	1
Crossfield House	12	22	—	—	1	110	—	—	1
Totals	609	1143	12	1	26	4540	19	1	94

**B.** Details of Domiciliary Visits:—

District	Number of Patients	Number of Visits
<b>URBAN</b>		
Brecon	22	102
Brynmawr	11	51
Builth Wells	1	7
Hay-on-Wye	2	9
Llanwrtyd Wells	1	1
<b>RURAL</b>		
Brecon	22	94
Builth	—	—
Crickhowell	32	144
Hay	6	45
Vaynor and Penderyn	64	294
Ystradgynlais	93	380
Totals	254	1127

**C.** Average number of domiciliary visits made to a case: 4.43

Table XI—

# **BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** **Mental Welfare Officers**

List of Mental Welfare Officers set out in districts showing the first officer to be contacted when required in that district. If unsuccessful in contacting the first officer, calls can then be made upon the second named officer, or the Public Health Department, at Brecon 2456/7.

District		Officers responsible for Area.		Second Officer to be contacted.	Third Officer to be contacted
Brecon and Sennybridge Areas.		Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home).	Mr. D. J. Davies, Old Police Station, Talgarth Tele.: Talgarth 442.		
	Hay, Talgarth and Builth Areas.	Mr. D. J. Davies, Old Police Station, Talgarth Tele.: Talgarth 442. (Home 452)	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home).		
Cefn Coed, Hirwaun and Penderyn Areas.		Mrs. M. M. R. England, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed, Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home Gilwern 450).		
	Pontneathvaughan.	Mrs. M. M. R. England, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed, Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	Mr. W. T. Davies, c/o Peglers Buildings, Station Road, Ystradgynlais Tele.: Glantawe 3104.	Mr. R. I. Jones, c/o Public Health Department, Watton Offices Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2456/7 during Office hours, or at other times Llangorse 287 (Home)	
Brynmawr and Darenfelen		Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home Gilwern 450)).	Mrs. M. M. R. England, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)		
	Gilwern, Clydach and Crickhowell	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home Gilwern 450).	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home).		
Ystradgynlais.		Mr. W. T. Davies, c/o Peglers Buildings, Station Road, Ystradgynlais Tele.: Glantawe 3104.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home)		



TABLE XII.

Number of Persons under Local Authority care at 31st December, 1967.

	Mentally Ill				Elderly Men- tally Infirm				Psychopathic				Subnormal				Severely Subnormal				Totals
	Under 16 years				Over 16 years				Under 16 years				Under 16 years				Under 16 years				
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)			
Total number	...	92	153	9	13		4	1	29	15	6	15	18	19	374						
Attending training centre																					
Awaiting entry to training centre							2	1	9	4	4	10	6	5	41						
Resident in L.A. Home Hostel									2		2		1		5						
Resident at L.A. expense in other homes/hostel ...													2								
Resident at L.A. expense by boarding out in private household ...																	1		1		
Receiving home visits and not included in lines 2-10																					
(a) Suitable to attend a training centre ...									2	6			2	7	4	21					
(b) Others ...							2		18	5			3	5	10	307					



